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'Vote on or before Monday'

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With early voting slow but smooth on all three islands, the Commonwealth Election Commission reminded voters yesterday that the last day to cast early votes will be on Monday.

Villagomez

CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez noted that voters from Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands who are currently on Saipan should vote on or before Monday.

If these voters fail to vote by Monday, Villagomez said they will have to go back to their respective islands just to vote.

She said that polling sites will be open tomorrow, Saturday,

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Browne: Over 700 unlawful gaming machines on Saipan

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC chief executive officer Donald Browne said yesterday that regulators and lawmakers should stop worrying about "minor issues" and instead focus

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As of 6pm, Oct. 29, 2020

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	4,418	48	4,466
Recovered	2,611	7	2,618
Active	1,724	48	1,772
Deaths	77	1	78
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			65,866

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	92	0	92
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			19,345*

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases. The community-based testing has been temporarily suspended.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

CHCC takes over reins of ACS

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DPS unveils 30 new police cars

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The Department of Public Safety unveiled 30 new police vehicles yesterday that were obtained through a combination of funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Four of the vehicles will be given to Tinian and Rota.

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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Local

Veterans Affairs still serving veterans and families

The CNMI Veterans Affairs Office under the Office of the Governor continues to provide services for CNMI veterans and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In honor of the upcoming Veterans Day commemoration and November as Military Families Month, executive officer for Veterans Affairs Stanley T. Iakopo said that local service to veterans has continued and collaboration with Pacific regional partners have been made to ensure proper services and care for veterans and their families.

"We are still providing and assisting veterans and their families with filing claims for disability compensation or increased disability compensation. Veterans and their families can still file a claim and apply for benefits during the coronavirus pandemic," said Iakopo. "Veterans are welcome to contact our office for a face-to-face appointment with Mrs. Vivian Taitano. Those who are filing new claims, following up on their existing claim, or simply inquiring about the process can come in and set up an appointment."

He noted that most veterans need help with getting their DD Form 214 or assistance in getting military documents.

"Our collaboration with the Veterans Benefits Administration office in Guam is also standing by in assisting our CNMI veterans through virtual interviews," he added.

Veterans are encouraged to email the Guam Office at: pctc.vbahon@va.gov or you could call one of the phone numbers below and ask for one of the representatives there:

- Dana Baker-San Augustin (671)648-0093
- Kalani Echang (671) 648-0010
- Warren Quitugua (671) 648-0090
- Angelo Bumagat (671) 648-0094

CNMI veterans can continue to contact the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office at (670)664-2650 or (670)664-2652. ***(PR)***

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GCA to hold 'Hallelujah Night'

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Grace Christian Assembly will be hosting a "Raise a Hallelujah Night," on Oct. 31 on Navy Hill, where they will still pass out candy but also minister to the community.

According to GCA pastor Michael Rodger, GCA will be doing a community drive-thru where 15 volunteers will be passing out pre-bagged bags of candy at their facility. GCA plans to have at least 500 pre-bagged candies (in a small Ziploc bags) that will be handed out to children.

The event will be from 5pm to 7pm or until all the candy bags are gone. Since the COVID-19 Task Force recommends that people should still follow social distancing rules for Halloween, Rodger said that the drive-thru is a better option because it promotes less face-to-face involvement.

"We wanted to bless the community and provide a safe environment for the kids, and that's really the heart of it," said Rodger.

He said when people are pulling up to the church for the drive-thru, they will have some people handling and directing the traffic. They will also have five to seven stations, so they can have five to seven cars at a time and have people ready to distribute candy and then help them as they go.

Rodger hopes that the event will have a good turnout. Individuals who are interested in donating candies for the event can contact the church at 322-3320.

GCA isn't the only church hosting a drive-thru trick-or-treating event. The Jesus is Lord Saipan Church will also be hosting their annual "Holywen, Festival of Treats" at their church parking lot in San Vicente across the San Vicente Park. They will be starting at 5pm until supplies last.

JIL Saipan would like to remind participants to wear their masks. For anyone who would like to donate candies to the church, they can contact Donna Rivera at *Saipan Tribune* 235-2440.

Emergency water outage today

There will be an emergency water service interruption today, Oct. 30, 2020, from 8am to 12pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the areas of Capital Hill 1200 Block, Isa Drive from the NMI Retirement building south toward the Kagman Road intersection to include Talafofo and Egigi Drive.

This is due to two service lateral leaks on Marshall Loop across the former Esco's Bakery in Capitol Hill. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water service soon after the repairs are completed.

For the safety of the men and women at the jobsite, proceed with caution and/or take alternative routes when traveling by the area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(PR)***

DPS responds to distressed vessel off Saipan waters

On Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, at about 5pm, the CNMI Department of Public Safety received a call regarding one overdue fisherman who left the Fishing Base marina at 5am that morning and was due to return at 1:30pm. The Emergency Operations Center was then immediately notified. At about 5:23pm, EOC made contact via VHF radio with the boat and learned that the vessel was experiencing engine problems. The captain of the vessel notified EOC that they were drifting near a buoy about 15 miles out of Marpi on Saipan.

At about 5:54pm, the DPS *Zodiac* rescue boat was launched followed by the *Impact* rescue boat. Officers aboard the rescue boats then saw flares from the distressed vessel. At about 7pm, the *Zodiac* arrived at the vessel's location, followed by the *Impact* rescue boat shortly after.

The operator was asked if he needed any medical attention, to which he said he was okay and did not need any. The *Impact* rescue boat began towing the vessel back to shore while the *Zodiac* followed behind. All three vessels made their way into the Smiling Cove Marina and arrived safely at about 8:02pm.

Police learned that the operator left the Garapan Fishing Base by himself and headed north to fish around the Marpi Reef area. At around 12pm, while near the Banzai Cliff area, he began experiencing engine problems and tried to make an emergency call but could not get a signal from his cellphone. He continued to drift west until he made contact with EOC via VHF radio. EOC advised him to shoot a flare as two rescue boats were already out in the waters looking for his vessel. Once he shot the first flare, DPS rescue vessels managed to pinpoint his location before towing him into shore.

The vessel was inspected and was found to be in compliance with all safety equipment aboard.

We encourage boaters to notify friends and/or family members about your fishing route or what area you plan to be fishing and what time you expect to return. If you are having troubles out in the water call in to Channel 16 on your VHF radio when you need help, or if you would like to report a distressed vessel. If you would like to report a crime or an emergency please call 911 anytime. ***(PR)***

FAC flat in November

The Fuel Adjustment Charge of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. remains at $0.11165 per kWh in November.

Although there has been a slight decrease in the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing from October 2020 to November 2020 as notified by Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., the decrease did not equal or exceed a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel.

The FAC is one of two components that make up the CUC electric kWh rate, which is used to purchase fuel. The second component is the CUC base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt service. This base rate has not been increased since April 17, 2014.

CUC is required, pursuant to an order previously issued by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, to adjust (up or down) the FAC pass-through rate when the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the current FAC rate.

CUC first instituted the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the Virgin Islands. In May 2015, CPUC authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the electric rate. ***(PR)***

Procedures for the celebration of All Souls Day Mass at CK Cemetery

In line with complying with public health protocols as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic we are required to adhere to the 3 W's—WEARING our masks, WATCHING our distance, and WASHING/SANITIZING our hands.

The following guidelines will be implemented at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery on Nov. 2 at the 4pm concelebrated Mass.

■ The cemetery will be barricaded all around. This will allow for the control of the various entrances and allow for temperature taking and registration process.

■ A total of four entrances will be established and will be manned by representatives from the various parish clusters. The four entrances will be located on the following:

❑ **Entrance 1**: Cemetery Main Entrance next to the Chancery and the school.

❑ **Entrance 2**: Between Mount Carmel School and Korean Catholic Church.

❑ **Entrance 3**: The rear side of the cemetery right behind the main Cross.

❑ **Entrance 4**: The area next to the apartments.

■ At the various entrances, the following will be performed:

❑ Two individuals will be taking temperatures

❑ Two individuals will be writing names and phone contact of people

❑ Hands will be stamped to indicate that the individual has gone through the entrance procedures.

■ Masks: Masks will be available for the volunteers.

■ Hand sanitizers: Hand sanitizers will be available at the various entrances for people to sanitize before entering the cemetery.

■ Collections: Collections will be stationary. Around 20 baskets will be available in various locations for people to put in their contribution. There will be no passing of baskets around the cemetery.

■ Communion: Clergy/Deacons will be available various locations. Volunteers will be available to ensure social distancing of 6 feet apart.

Source: Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

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Islandwide power outage hits Saipan

Saipan experienced an islandwide power outage at 8:59am yesterday due to a short circuit on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s electrical panel for the radiator on Engine No. 1, causing two engines to also trip.

CUC Power Plant electricians were able to make the necessary repairs to re-energize the feeder circuits as of 10:28am to full restoration. The following feeders were turned back online at the following times below:

- Feeder 1 - 9:40am - Lower Base, China Town, Navy Hill, Portions of Garapan, Puerto Rico, Portions of Sadog Tasi
- Feeder 4 - 9:59am - Sadog Tasi, Capitol Hill, As Teo, Entire Kagman, Wireless Ridge, I Denni, Talafofo, Mt. Tapochau and Papago
- Feeder 7 - 10:06am - Lower Base, Tanapag, Achugao, San Roque and As Matuis
- Kiya 1 - 10:08am - As Terlaje, Fina Sisu, Kannat Tabla, Chalan Kiya, San Vicente, Lower
- Dandan, Upper Dandan Obyan, Isley Field and Airport Road Dandan
- Feeder 3 - 10:11am - Lower Base, Puerto Rico and Best Sunshine Hotel and Casino
- Feeder 2 - 10:12am - Garapan Beach Road, Chalan Laulau and Northern Part of San Jose
- Kiya 2 - 10:24am - San Antonio, As Lito, As Perdido, Koblerville, As Gonno, Chalan Piao,
- C.K. District 3, C.K. Southern Part of District 4 and Agingan
- Kiya 3 - 10:25am - Chalan Kiya towards the Gualo Rai intersection in Middle Road
- Kiya 4 - 10:28 a.m - San Jose/ Oleai, Susupe and Chalan Kanoa
- Feeder restoration completed as of 10:28am

Water service to the areas of Papago, Upper San Vicente, Gualo Rai, Upper MIHA, Chinatown, As Terlaje, Middle Road and Beach Road, Chalan Laulau up to the Gualo Rai intersection and As Falape was offline until 3pm yesterday due to low tank level caused by the islandwide outage. ***(PR)***

Tropical Depression 22W upgraded to Tropical Storm

Tropical Depression 22W has strengthened and has been upgraded to Tropical Storm Goni as it continues en route to the Philippines.

Tropical Depression 22W strengthened overnight and reached tropical storm intensity early yesterday morning.

The National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, reported that Goni remains west of the Marianas and poses no threat as it tracks westward toward the Philippine.

However, a tropical disturbance over Chuuk is still expected to pass south of Guam this weekend.

NWS stated that people of the Marianas should expect the strongest winds associated with the disturbance to be offshore and south of Guam, and nearer to the low-level circulation.

The Marianas will see winds gradually increase through Friday afternoon to between 15 and 20 mph, and to between 20 and 25 mph on Saturday with stronger gusts.

Showers are expected to increase Friday afternoon and overnight across the region while seas could become hazardous to small craft by Saturday along with a high risk of rip currents.

NWS stated that the broad and disorganized disturbance that they had been closely observing is beginning to show some consolidation over and south of Chuuk State.

A low-level circulation was evident west southwest of Weno, Chuuk yesterday and was last seen heading slowly west, northwest. ***(Kimberly Bautista)***

CHCC

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Healthcare Corp.

Taking up the entire left side of the hotel lobby and equipped with about 50 to 70 intensive care unit beds and over 115 mid-level care rooms, the ACS will be a specific place where all COVID-19 cases will be handled outside the main hospital, thus enabling the hospital to handle people who do not have COVID-19. The ACS will be converted back into a hotel once the CNMI is able to stamp out the coronavirus.

The ACS is equipped with hospital beds, its own pharmacy, multiple air ventilators, facilities for doctors and nurses, an Intensive Care Unit with hemodialysis and medical imaging capabilities, a comforting space to treat patients, and a discharge room.

The public was first given a glimpse of the facility in mid-May. It was supposed to have been finished later that month.

In his remarks last Wednesday, Robert J. Fenton Jr., regional administrator for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX, said he is pleased that FEMA is able to fund much of the cost to build the ACS. "Someday soon, hopefully sooner rather than later, a vaccine will be available in fighting COVID-19, but it is reassuring to know that this facility is here today and available if needed. I urge you do your part to keep the Marianas safe," said Fenton.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said a lot can be achieved "when we work together. When we have a unified leadership—and we all agree on one common goal, which is to protect our people, our *man'amko*, and our loved ones with preexisting conditions from a deadly virus—we can accomplish anything."

Torres looks back at how the U.S. had a surge of COVID-19 cases where over 9,000 healthcare professionals contracted COVID-19 while taking care of patients. FEMA had earlier projected that the CNMI will have 6,000 to 8,000 COVID-19 cases by June if there were no restrictions in place.

"We are a community that is very vulnerable to COVID-19, and we must do everything we can to protect everyone from this deadly virus. We did everything we could since January, listening to our federal partners, our doctors, nurses, and health care professionals on steps needed to prepare for the worst," said Torres.

Warren Villagomez, who chairs the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, said, "Today is a great day made possible by so many individuals in our COVID-19 Task Force and our community coming together to keep our islands safe."

Villagomez said that, since January 2020, the Torres-Palacios administration, in partnership with CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña, was proactive when it came to efforts to protect the health and safety of the CNMI. They increased health screening, established quarantine protocols, and cost-containment measures to stabilize government services.

Patrick Guerrero, the governor's authorized representative, said that nowhere else in the United States has there been an actual hotel that was converted into an acute level care facility. He commended Kanoa Resort and its parent company, TanHoldings, as well as TanHoldings president and CEO Jerry Tan, and TanHoldings vice president Alex Sablan for "opening their doors for us to transform this space into an ACS."

"Throughout the early stages of this pandemic, similar facilities were built all over the world in anticipation that hospitals would not be able to accommodate the enormous scale of hospitalizations due to this deadly disease," said Guerrero.

Guerrero credits the CNMI's current low level of COVID-19 cases to "our dedicated front-line workers," and their families. "We must support them in everything they do, while also continuing to prioritize the physical and mental health of the community in order to get through this pandemic."

The Helios Engineering Group of Guam was the prime architect behind the conversion of the Kanoa Resort into an ACS.

So far, the CNMI has had 92 COVID-19 cases and two deaths.

DPS

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In a turnover ceremony yesterday at DPS headquarters in Susupe, DPS Commissioner Robert Guerrero said the new vehicles will beef us police presence in the CNMI community, in the belief that more police vehicles on the streets would mean people would be more hesitant to commit crimes.

"The more officers you have on the streets, the more you deter crime and that's one of the reasons our crime rate has gone down for both drugs and general crime. The more officers and the more police vehicles we put out on the streets and the villages, it deters a lot of the crime," he said.

Guerrero said the vehicles, which cost over $800,000, was partially paid through an NHTA grant and from reimbursements provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the use of DPS equipment after Super Typhoon Yutu back in 2018. The department got over $1 million from FEMA.

The new vehicles include several 2019 Dodge police 1500 trucks, two 2020 Chevy Tahoes, and over 19 Dodge Police Chargers. The department is expecting about 15 more vehicles.

Guerrero said what makes these new vehicles special is that they came from dealerships in the U.S mainland that actually provide police vehicle packages; local dealerships do not.

"The vehicles we bought before were bought locally. Unfortunately, local dealers don't carry police package vehicles. These packaged vehicles have upgraded alternators to accommodate a charging system for all the police lights and speaker system, [while] the suspension [and] batteries are all upgraded," he said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who was present to officially turn over the keys to the department, said the new vehicles are a testament to the hard work put in by DPS officers everyday, especially during disasters.

"I want to congratulate the commissioner, the administrative staff, and all our police officers for always protecting our community, and their families for allowing them to serve," he said.

Torres said the new vehicles will not only benefit the department but the community as a whole.

"They are reliable. Throughout the years all vehicles have to be replaced. It's a good thing for all our officers to have new patrol vehicles because they're reliable," he said.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios said the department' new resources and new equipment speaks well of the administrative arm of DPS.

"These are resources that the commissioner worked hard to come to fruition. At the end of the day, we needed to get the equipment for DPS to continue to function appropriately," he said.

VOTE

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but closed on Sunday.

She has not heard of any issues relating to the seven-day early voting on Tinian and Rota that started Tuesday.

On the Northern Islands' voting, Villagomez said the CEC team, accompanied by a police officer and a staff at the Office of the Public Auditor, will be leaving Saipan today, Friday, for the Northern Islands by a chartered boat to get the votes of 10 people.

There are currently six voters on Agrigan, one on Pagan, and three on Alamagan.

Villagomez said the total number of voters on the Northern Islands is 162, but most of them are currently residing on Saipan.

Early voting for the Northern Islands voters who are currently on Saipan is at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

As of last Saturday, 3,570 voters have already availed of the early voting process in four polling places on Saipan.

There are 18,526 active registered voters in the CNMI.

Precinct 6 or Tinian and Aguiguan has 1,724 voters, while Precinct 7 or Rota has 1,931.

BROWNE

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on stomping out all the "unregulated and unlawful" gaming machines on Saipan that he estimates at over 700.

Browne said regulators and legislators should protect the "welfare of the good citizens of our senatorial district who are being deceived."

Browne again raised the issue of alleged unlawful gaming machines on the island in response to *Saipan Tribune*'s request for comments about the Commonwealth Casino Commission official's recent inquiry as to the whereabouts of IPI director Dong Ting Zheng.

At last week's CCC monthly meeting, CCC acting executive director Andrew Yeom had asked Browne where Zheng is, to which Browne replied that he does not know where Zheng is right now.

Yeom said he asked about Zheng's whereabouts because it was Zheng who certified all of IPI's financial situation and also the one who appointed Browne as CEO. "Please help us see this guy. He is supposed to be, on paper, the sole director of the company," Yeom said.

Browne said yesterday that his understanding is that Zheng is still in China as travel is restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that he is not in a position to question someone's whereabouts.

About the alleged unlawful gaming machines on Saipan, Browne said that closing one's eyes to unlawful activity does not exonerate those persons or bodies that are sworn to protect the gaming industry of Saipan.

"Casino gaming activities outside of the one licensed casino [IPI] are against the law," he added.

At last week's CCC board meeting, CCC board chair Edward C. Deleon Guerrero said he understands that Cui Li Jie, who is IPI's mother company's chair/executive director, is still on island. Deleon Guerrero asked Browne if he consulted Jie in reference to the direction that IPI is going with its financial obligations.

Browne affirmed that they consult with Jie on a regular basis. "Right now, we're just focusing on trying to get money for payroll. The other things, of course, are equally important, but employees are paid first," Browne said.

As for their other obligations, Browne said those involve a substantial amount of money so they're looking at ways to "sort of break it into smaller pieces."

Deleon Guerrero stressed that Browne and Jie should sit down and let her know that there are many proceedings that are happening right now, including the five complaints filed by the CCC executive director that are before the board.

"These are very serious accusations," said the chairman, adding that it will be catastrophic if IPI owners don't take them seriously.

Deleon Guerrero pointed out that Browne may have been appointed CEO but if he has no resources or money to back up what he's expected to deliver, then he is set up to fail. "The problem is the wheels of justice are turning," the chairman said.

Deleon Guerrero requested IPI's executives to address the "serious business" with the shareholder and her son.

"If we don't do enough at the rate we're going, the CNMI may have to do something to save the [casino] industry but not necessarily IPI," he added.

COVID-19 task force issues Halloween guidance

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force issued Wednesday its guidelines for a healthy and safe Halloween this weekend.

The task force recommends families to follow several precautions if they plan on taking part in more traditional Halloween activities this year. These precautions include socially distanced activities that are outdoors.

Families that choose to go trick-or-treating this year are advised to go only with their household family group. Large public gatherings and congregations are discouraged, and organizations that do plan on holding such an event should first receive task force approval by submitting a letter to task force chair Warren F. Villagomez at warren.villagomez@dph.gov.mp.

Residents and organizations are advised to adhere to the following precautionary measures:

'Grab and Go' trick-or-treating is the safest method.

■ Trick-or-treaters are being advised not to pick candy from a bowl or take candy directly from someone's hands. Taking candy from someone else's candy bag is also discouraged. Organizations and residents are advised to have stations with individually bagged or packaged treats for kids to take. It is best to have these stations 6 feet from your front door or 6 feet apart along a trick-or-treat route.

■ Designated organizers and traffic controllers should be present to establish a one-way socially-distanced route.

■ Kids must be accompanied by adults at all times.

■ Each trick-or-treat station must designate at least one person to facilitate grab and go candy pick-up, have hand sanitizer present and available, and wear a mask.

Additional recommended guidelines include:

■ Organizations must have adult participants sign-in to their events at the beginning of their routes

■ Have each trick-or-treat station be numbered.

■ Have each station designate an enforcement officer within their organization to ensure guidelines are followed.

Other suggested guidelines include:

■ Have a neighborhood car parade where families can show off their costumes while staying socially distanced and remaining in their cars

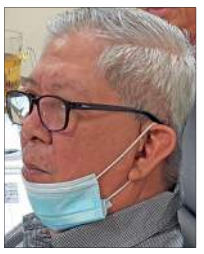
■ In residential areas, private settings, or apartment buildings, residents can come together to trick-or-treat around their block or other outdoor spaces so kids and families aren't tempted to trick-or-treat inside – building residents and businesses can contribute treats that are individually wrapped and placed on a table(s) outside of the front door of the building, or in the other outdoor space for grab and go trick-or-treating.

As always, the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force recommends following the 3 W's: Wash your hands before, during, and after any Halloween activities. Watch your distance. Wear a mask.

Residents and organizations are encouraged to seek guidance regarding these protective measures. Contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force at 237-8034, 8035, 8036, and 8037 for additional guidance. ***(PR)***

Songao floats idea of limiting IPI's maximum credit to patrons

Commonwealth Casino Commission commissioner Diego M. Songao has floated the idea of limiting the maximum credits that Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC can give its patrons based on its operating capital.



Songao

At the CCC board meeting last week, Songao noted that the total investment made in the construction of the Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan is not even a billion, yet IPI's account receivables now stands at $1.7 billion. "That's a big problem," he said.

He now wonders at the large amount of collectibles and speculates that that may have contributed to the financial capability of IPI in the construction and all its pending payables.

When he asked IPI chief executive officer Donald Browne if this is normal, Browne replied that Macau casinos and other casinos with VIP players similarly have huge accounts receivables. Casinos in the U.S. mainland, however, don't carry a lot of debt, Browne said, because when an outstanding account is not paid within 45 days, that becomes a criminal offense.

Browne said that they absolutely now have restricted their credit, that they can still attract gamblers but not at $300 million a credit or numbers like that. "I think we probably learned our lesson by now," he said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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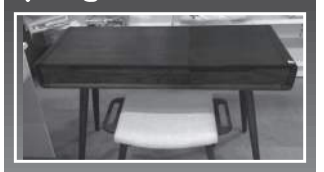

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On nuclear arms control, Trump should cooperate with Putin

As the clock ticks toward the expiration of a major nuclear arms control agreement between the United States and Russia, negotiators have been discussing a deal to extend it. This is one circumstance in which no one should criticize President Donald Trump for attempting to find an accommodation with Vladimir Putin.

The New START treaty, signed in 2010, places limits on intercontinental ballistic missiles, nuclear warheads, missile launchers and nuclear-armed bombers. It will expire in February unless the two nations agree to extend it for up to five years.

Expiration would be a disaster. The agreement doesn't just prevent a further nuclear arms race between the U.S. and Russia; it also makes it easier for the superpowers to credibly campaign against nuclear proliferation around the world.

Earlier this year, the Trump administration's chief negotiator unfairly disparaged the treaty as "a deeply flawed deal negotiated under the Obama-Biden administration" and insisted that it should be replaced by a new agreement that would also include China.

But U.S. and Russian negotiators have been talking about a compromise in which they would extend New START as Russia has proposed while freezing the total number of nuclear warheads—including tactical nuclear warheads not limited by the treaty—as the U.S. has demanded. The proposed deal also would include a framework for discussions on a new treaty that China could join in the future.

Russia has disputed reports that the two sides are close to a deal; a sticking point may be the difficulty of working out verification arrangements for a new warhead freeze. But with or without such a freeze, the treaty should be extended. Allowing it to expire would destabilize the arms-control process and deprive the U.S. of the opportunity to verify the size of the Russian nuclear arsenal.

Granted, the treaty doesn't lapse until February, when the president might be Joe Biden, who has promised to pursue an extension of the agreement. But by agreeing now to extend it, Trump would preserve stability in the relationship between the two nuclear superpowers without foreclosing the possibility of a more ambitious agreement later. Yes, a deal announced before Tuesday might buoy Trump's reelection hopes, but it also would be good for America.

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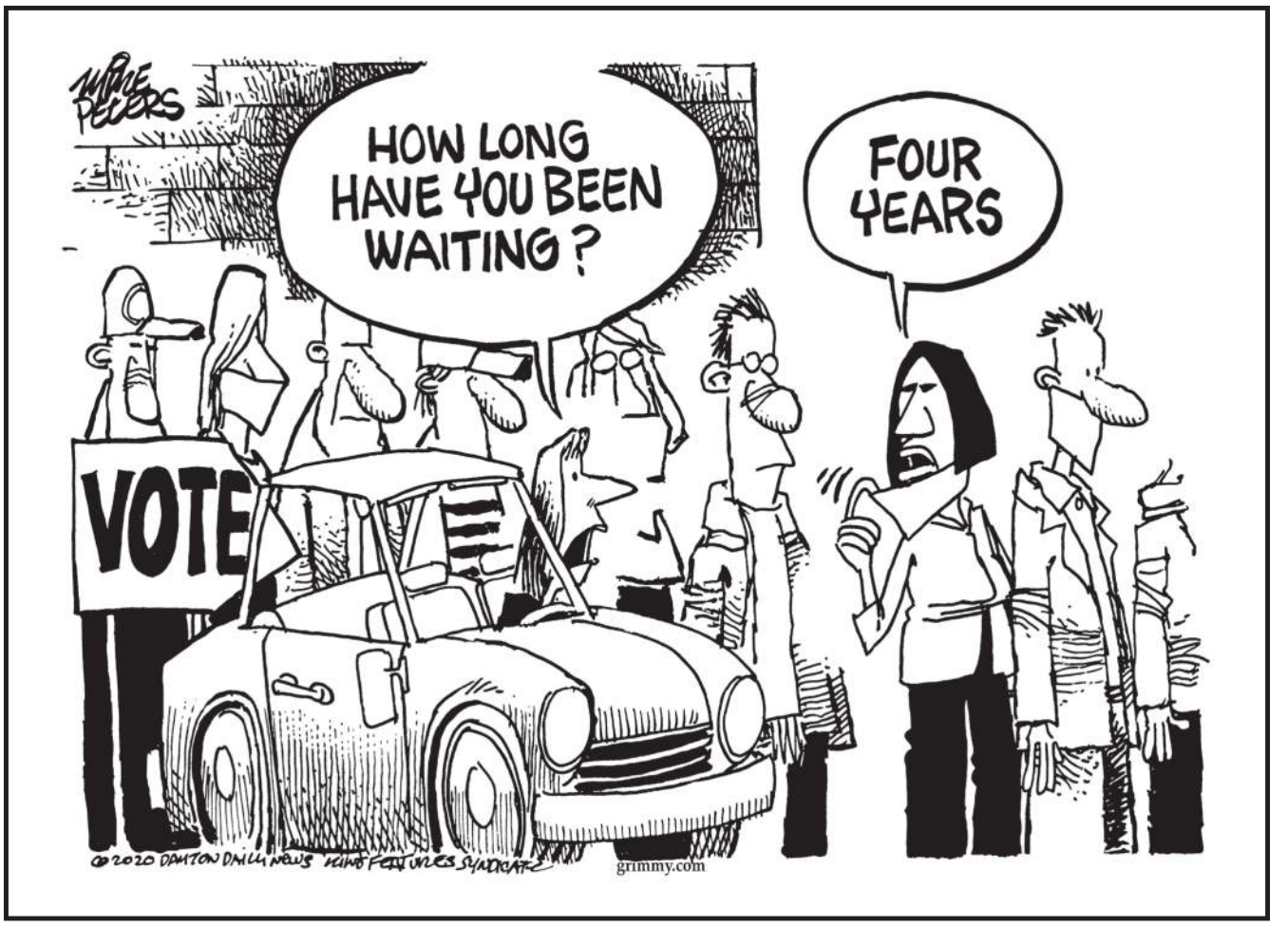

Grieving parents deserve our sympathy—and our help

By MELANIE ISRAEL
The Heritage Foundation

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"When a child loses his parent, they are called an orphan. When a spouse loses her or his partner, they are called a widow or widower. When parents lose a child, there isn't a word to describe them. This month recognizes the loss so many parents experience across the United States and around the world."

Those were the words President Ronald Reagan spoke when he declared October "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month" in 1988. It's a pain that's all too common, as I learned firsthand last year.

While we don't know with certainty, an estimated 10 to 15% of pregnancies end in miscarriage. And according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, losses after 20 weeks of pregnancy account for roughly 24,000 stillbirths every year in the United States.

I lost my second child to miscarriage in 2019. He or she would have turned one in October. Instead of celebrating with a cake and presents and pictures, my family is instead acutely aware that someone is missing—that there's a void; an empty seat at the table.

Going from the hopeful anticipation of a new baby to the crushing blow of loss was emotional whiplash. I found myself paralyzed with uncertainty because I had no idea what I was supposed to do next.

Thankfully, my frantic Googling led me to the website for the Holy Innocents Ministry of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. It provides resources, comfort and burial for children lost to miscarriage for bereaved parents, regardless of faith background.

Being afforded this familiar grieving ritual was a critical component to my healing, and helped the loss feel less abstract. And I'm grateful that my doctor immediately provided me with information for a local counseling service that specializes in perinatal and pediatric bereavement.

Everyone processes loss differently, of course, and I know my needs aren't exactly the same as another person's. But anecdotally, I know that the resources and support I received would have been appreciated by other bereaved parents who did not receive similar encouragement. As a society, we can do so much more to meet the needs of bereaved parents.

While some hospitals have protocols in place for pregnancy losses and offer burials and memorial services or automatic referrals to local funeral providers, many parents are left reeling from the loss and have no idea what their options are. Some hospitals and OB-GYN practices at least provide pamphlets or electronic links to resources such as local support groups, but it's by no means standard practice.

Health care professional can undergo continuing educational development to learn specifically about how to interact with patients experiencing loss in a health care setting, but many of these professionals aren't aware that such classes and programs exist.

In the medical community, developing best practices for assisting parents who have lost or are in the process of losing their pregnancy can make a profound difference in a bereaved parent's experience.

As individuals, we can do our part to help our friends and loved ones to not feel alone in their grief. Out of discomfort or fear of saying the wrong thing or uncertainty about how someone will react, it may be tempting to say silent. But a simple "I'm so sorry for your loss" can make a painful and isolating experience just a little bit less lonely.

Millions of families across the country face the profound sadness of pregnancy and infant loss. Sometimes it's prompted by a milestone, and sometimes by nothing at all. Let's resolve to let our friends and family know that they are not alone in their grief and that their child's life, no matter how brief, mattered.

Earlier this year I was blessed to welcome a daughter – my third baby, and second one to hold earthside. The night before I left for the hospital to meet her, my husband was doing some last minute tidying around the house. He came across the ultrasound photo of our lost little one—a photo I had regrettably misplaced months before.

I know the timing wasn't pure coincidence. And I knew that it was okay to feel simultaneous sadness for the child we lost while feeling excitement for the one we were about to welcome to the world. It's okay for me to grieve on what should have been a first birthday for my second child while at the same time feel so grateful for my baby girl as I rock her to sleep.

To every person who has walked this road, whether it was recent or many, many years ago, I see you and I am so very sorry for your loss. Your grief is valid. And your little one's life, however brief, mattered.

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Report to the people: Part II

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Second of two parts

By CHRISTINE-MARIE SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Outreach and community engagement

One of the most rewarding parts of this job is the chance to regularly meet and interact with constituents, share information and listen to ideas, and collaborate with other agencies, nonprofit groups, and volunteers in community projects.

Over the last two years, our office has partnered with legislative colleagues on both sides of the political aisle, as well as government agencies and departments, nonprofit groups, and volunteers in conducting multiple cleanup and beautification campaigns in and around Precinct 2. These efforts have targeted Sugar Dock Beach, Lali 4 Beach, WSR Elementary School, Hopwood Middle School, and residential areas in Chalan Kanoa and Susupe.

Together with our partners, we have planted hundreds of trees, flowers, and edible crops, picked up thousands of pounds of trash, and coordinated the removal of junk vehicles and illegal dumpsites in the villages. Most recently, we helped jumpstart Susupe's first community garden, in coordination with area residents, the Board of Parole, Division of Forestry, Division of Agriculture, NMC CREES, the Saipan Mayor's Office, and DFEMS.

In August 2019 we organized the CNMI's first Opportunity Expo, showcasing opportunities in employment, vocational training and higher education, small business financing and development, health services, vocational rehabilitation, assistance for people with disabilities, and addiction recovery. Approximately 40 different government, nonprofit, and private sector partners participated in the expo, and more than 300 residents attended.

We have additionally led and participated in community planning initiatives. Our office hosted the "Our Sense of Place" community mapping forum for Precinct 2 early last year, and worked with our Precinct 2 colleagues and representatives from CUC, DPW, and Zoning to conduct a follow-up town hall meeting. We compiled the feedback received at these community forums and incorporated them in comments submitted for other planning exercises with the Office of Planning and Development, including the updating of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

We also issued a letter to the Department of Public Works identifying the priority infrastructure projects that had been highlighted at community meetings and for which local funding had already been appropriated. We inquired about the progress of these projects in the letter and in subsequent meetings and phone calls. These priorities include Sugar Dock's architectural and engineering design, flooding and drainage issues in the villages, crosswalk improvements and replacements of street signs and streetlights, repairs at social halls and basketball courts, and the demolition of an old, condemned municipal building in Chalan Kanoa. Many of these projects are still pending and require continual follow-up.

I have always believed in the importance of showing up and participating in public meetings, especially on issues that greatly impact the community. I have done so regularly as a concerned citizen, and continue to do so as a legislator. Over the past two years, I have attended and commented at meetings of the Commonwealth Casino Commission, the Lottery Commission, the Board of Education, and the Zoning Office. In the Legislature, when major bills appear to be on a fast-track to passage, I have urged for public hearings and other opportunities for affected community members, agencies, and other stakeholders to review and comment on proposed legislation. Sometimes my colleagues have listened—most recently, in the case of a proposal to rezone the area from Sugar Dock Beach to Lali 4 Beach and beyond from village residential and village commercial uses to tourist resort. I reached out to constituents to notify them of the legislation, communicated my concerns with my colleagues and Zoning staff about the bill and the need for more public awareness, and attended a subsequent community meeting where residents expressed their concerns and objections.

Throughout the years and during this term, I have taken every opportunity that I could to promote civic engagement, particularly among local youth and women. I have been a guest speaker on government and current issues for students all over the island, including Northern Marianas College and public and private schools. I have also presented at various community events for women, including the CNMI Women's Summit, the H.E.R.S. panels on women's representation, and the Soroptomists' forum. The next project I am working on is a civics education program for social media to encourage and empower citizens to better understand our government and learn how to find information and more effectively participate in decision-making to improve our community.

I work for you

As your representative in the Northern Marianas Legislature, I work for you, the people of Precinct 2 and the Commonwealth. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve, and I take seriously my responsibilities and the public trust I have been given. I also welcome feedback. For questions or comments, to share ideas or concerns, I can be reached by phone at 664-8829 (office) and 285-3935 (cell/WhatsApp), by email at tinasablan@gmail.com or rep.sablanc@cnmileg.gov.mp, or on social media @reptinasablan.

I'm a social liberal, fiscal conservative—and politically homeless in our two-party system

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Like most Americans, I want to do what's best for our country. Yet lately, I find myself with few appealing choices about how to do that. As a social liberal and fiscal conservative, it's not clear that I have a place in this political environment.

Although I'm still a registered Republican, I no longer support or identify with the party. Its current leader has failed both his party and our country, as made clear, just to start, by the more than 222,000 deaths from COVID-19—a disease that our top scientists agree didn't have to cause so much human misery and economic pain.

Yet I'm certainly not a Democrat, as that party leans toward government overreach that puts individual liberties at risk.

Still, it's the Democrats these days whose promises at least exhibit a commitment to humane values, social equality and individual liberty that mark this country's greatest aspirations.

For some who share my values and hopes, the Libertarian Party is the answer. However, voting Libertarian in this election risks keeping the current administration in power, in no small part because this country's two-party system denies other players a seat at the table. The Commission on Presidential Debates has created unreasonably narrow criteria to qualify for participation, requiring candidates to reach 15% support across five national polls to join. These arbitrary constraints just exacerbate partisan divisions, further limiting what's possible for the American people.

The result is that the American people are dangerously locked in partisan corners. According to the Pew Research Center, 55% of Republicans say Democrats are "more immoral" when compared with other Americans; 47% of Democrats say the same about Republicans. The two major parties view one another in an even more unfavorable light now than in 2016, which already reflected unprecedented mutual disdain.

This untenable situation is partly the fault of the two-party system, which limits the choices Americans have and artificially shoehorns their anger—over a range of American failures—into targeting one party or the other. Now is the time to start thinking about how we can move beyond the two-party system's major limitations, but focus first on removing the chasm from the White House.

I am far from alone in my political outlook, as some estimates put the number of Libertarians at 10-20% of the U.S. population (even if fewer are expected to vote third-party this year than in the past). These folks deserve a political home, and the country deserves a far more expansive, less constricted conversation about the policies and values that ought to shape our country's future.

Clearly, my political predicament is widely shared. As a realist, assessing the two viable options we have, the best choice for this election is to help the Biden-Harris ticket win. As much as I would like to say, "a pox on both houses," I cannot do so with so much at stake. For our country to survive, I need to make a choice based on what serves the longevity of our democracy, restores decency to our politics, and brings people together to solve our biggest problems, including the uncontrolled outbreak of COVID-19.

So I will be voting for the Democratic presidential ticket this fall and have donated significantly to the Biden campaign.

I also hope the Republicans start acting like the party I previously believed in—before we chose a leader bent on destroying the party and replacing it with a cult of personality. When our president suggested he may not leave office if he lost, he proved himself again to be disastrous to our democracy. I look forward to the day when the Republican Party once again focuses on genuine human freedom, including fiscal responsibility.

In a country of free choice, it's ironic that we find ourselves, realistically, with only two, each on opposite sides of most issues. I can choose between 15 laundry detergents but my most important decision, and basic American right to contribute to choosing a leader, is limited to only two choices on opposite sides of the store.

Our nation's founders wisely discouraged breaking into political parties, which they dismissed as "factions" that could only lead to individual and group interests trumping the good of the whole. Tyranny was likely to follow, against which the vigilance and virtue of ordinary citizens were the only defense.

All Americans are, in a sense, citizen-soldiers. We all have a role to play in defending this democracy, one in which party should never be put above country. We must come together now as partners across our many divides. We must make the right choice to ensure we all have more choices for generations to come.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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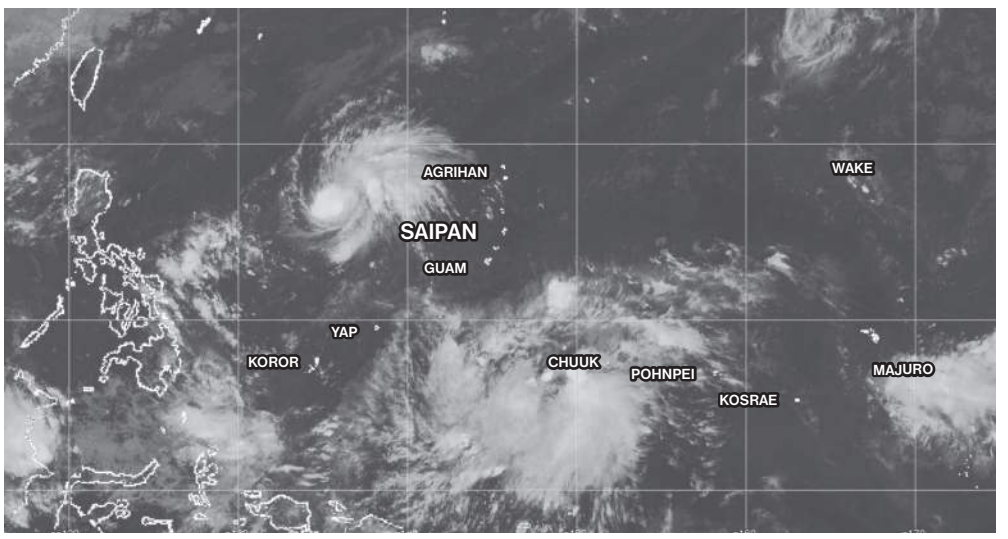

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

It`s a quiet morning for the Marianas, with partly cloudy skies, isolated showers and moderate east winds. But on satellite imagery, small Tropical Storm Goni is seen about 550 miles northwest of the Marianas, while to the southeast large tropical disturbance 90W is producing lots of intense convection well south and southeast of the islands.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
- ❏ Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
- ❏ Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ❏ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ❏ Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

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This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 80°

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Saturday	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	4:54 AM	5:07 PM
Saturday	-	5:40 AM	5:42 PM
Sunday	-	6:27 AM	6:19 PM
Monday	-	7:16 AM	6:59 PM
Tuesday	-	8:06 AM	7:42 PM

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Beijing	Mostly Sunny	63° / 39°
Hong Kong	Sunny	77° / 68°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83° / 74°
London	Partly Cloudy	54° / 46°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	73° / 60°
Manila	Showers	88° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	64° / 52°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	75° / 67°
New York	Windy	58° / 50°
Osaka	Sunny	64° / 48°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	55° / 43°
Busan	Sunny	64° / 50°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	72° / 48°
Salem	Sunny	64° / 42°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	61° / 49°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	61° / 43°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	61° / 48°
Washington, DC	Sunny	58° / 43°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
1:08 AM	LOW TIDE	0.30
7:09 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.60
1:02 PM	LOW TIDE	0.58
6:50 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.75

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	7:30am	8:10am	1, 4
UA117	7:50am	8:30am	6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	7:30am	9:10pm	1 via Guam

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

UA183	7:25pm	9:10pm	1 via Guam
UA183	9:05pm	10:50pm	5 via Guam

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	5:50am	6:31am	1, 4
UA174	6:15am	6:56am	6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	11:45pm	6:56am+1	5 via Guam

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	10:25pm	4:25am+1	1 via Guam
UA184	11:45pm	5:33am+1	5 via Guam

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1303	3:30PM	4:00PM	Mon/Wed/Fri

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3103	4:30PM	5:00PM	Mon/Wed/Fri

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

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DELEGATE – CNMI

SABLAN, GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
(Independent)

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How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Every day for the last twelve years, I have labored to find ways, great and small, to improve the lives of the people I work for. And there is always more to do.

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SENATORS

SENATOR – FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT – ROTA

MANGLONA, PAUL ATALIG
(Independent endorsed by Democratic Party)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
For many years, I've had the honor to serve the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, most especially the people of Rota, in the Commonwealth Senate. My hard work and devotion to our people can be seen through my efforts in increasing educational opportunities for our children, fighting for efficient management of our Capital Improvement Projects, aggressively promoting the vision and goals of our public and private sector leaders, protecting our beautiful but fragile environment, ensuring a level playing field for all those who do business in our islands, pursuing legislation that earmark funding specifically for our retirees and medical referrals, and vigorously supporting prudent allocation of our limited government resources. These are a few of my top priorities throughout my years of service.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
This Nov. 3, 2020, I am once again asking for your vote of confidence for the honor to continue serving you, the people of Rota, in the Legislature. I will continue to promise you nothing but hard work and a loud voice in the Senate. I am very concern with what is going on in our Legislature today and the on-going lack of transparency. Transparency has always been my top priority, and if re-elected, I will continue to work hard to establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration in the Legislature and throughout our government. Openness will only enhance our government's efficiency and effectiveness.

MENDIOLA, DENNIS JAMES CAMACHO
(Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision a viable economic engine that would support sustainable growth and economic opportunities for the people of Rota and the people of the Commonwealth as a whole.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Foremost, we must recognize and embrace our chain of islands as one community, working harmoniously with all leaders regardless of respective island each represents. Such focus will ensure success as one Commonwealth, bridging resources. If elected, I am committed to collaborate with elected leaders in both houses and the administration to reinvigorate our economy through legislative initiatives that would support our business community thrive in this pandemic environment. I am committed to exploring innovative measures that would provide continued growth of existing businesses. Furthermore, I pledge to work with the business community in Rota to empower small business entrepreneurship, capitalizing on eco-tourism and agriculture.

SENATOR – SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT – TINIAN

KING-NABORS, KARL ROSARIO (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision a CNMI that is united on an economic sustainability development plan and focused on infrastructure investments that would afford every single person on all three islands the opportunity to earn a living wage, have access to state of the art public programs and services while living in a clean and healthy environment.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
We have to focus on diversifying the economy so that we are not solely reliant on the tourism and casino industry for revenue. We need to create incentives through legislation to attract clean investments and new industries that have minimal footprint and impact on our current infrastructure. If given the privilege of representing the beautiful people of Tinian, I want to work with the private sector to champion legislation that explores tax breaks and other types of legislative investment incentives for particular types of clean industries that creates private sector jobs that pays a living wage. The plan is to ease the reliance on government employment so that the government can free up resources which can then be invested in infrastructures that are critical to essential government programs and services.

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CRUZ, JOSE PANGELINAN (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the CNMI is for the people to have to live with confidence that their government leaders are representing them justly and with no partiality. A CNMI that thrives despite the health crisis it is experiencing right now. Where the people are trained and equipped to venture jobs in private sectors and are highly qualified to compete in the global market where manpower is a concern. Finally, where there is complete freedom in expressing their concern and exercising their rights to free expression, free from intimidation and occupational threat.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
- By setting the groundwork for eliminating fear and giving the community full access to their leaders.
- In passing legislation for training programs designed to train and equip our youth and elders to acquire technical skills that are in high-demand in building our economy.
- By actively involving the community in minor or major decisions that will directly affect their livelihood.
- By working together or collaboratively with current leaders and existing agencies to reach the maximum potential and goals.

SENATOR – THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT – SAIPAN & NI

IGISOMAR, SIXTO KAIPAT (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision is for a prosperous, vibrant and productive CNMI that is economically self-sufficient and sustainably developed, with the best education and healthcare available for its people.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Due to economic instability caused by external forces, we have been forced to provide emergency repair and patches on our economic and social service infrastructures. The vision of our forefathers, has been delayed too long by induced set back outside of our control due to lack of actual funding and infrastructure to meet the demand of the freedom we bargained for. My plan, as was envisioned by the "SDP" state development plan, which is now the "Office of Planning and Development," is to recalculate the vision of our forefathers, and lay down sustainable development action plan, and realigning our resources and infrastructure framework, to meet our task, objective, goals, mission and vision. It will require a long-term commitment with short-term incisive action items—such as having a buy-in from every stakeholder (CNMI citizens and their government, plus small businesses) on our proposed sustainable development or visionary document.

DELEON GUERRERO, EDITH E. (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
Family values and respect are the pillars of community strength. Our CNMI has changed through the years and many experiences these past few years has profoundly left deep wounds and scars on our islands and its people, many of whom continue to be pushed further into poverty, barely making it or not making it at all. I am profoundly saddened and worried for the future of our Commonwealth.

I envision and deeply long for the CNMI to be a peaceful, clean, an attractive family destination, a government of people that truly and sincerely lives up to its promise, lives up to honesty and transparency, to take care of its islands and its citizens, that provides opportunities to all and not just for a few. A system that promotes fairness and equality whether it is for business or employment, a government that is respected in both regional and international world, and a fiscally sound and healthy self-government that can ride out any economic storm primarily on its own and supplemented with the United States financial assistance.

A place where the living standards of families and children are promoted, a place where its citizens are free to express themselves without fear of retaliation on any level, without fear of its government because their jobs will be at risk if their ideals differ. A place where investing in its human capital asset is seen as its strength and not a threat to one›s power or control, a place where families and individuals alike are empowered to grow and aspire for greater success. A system of services and development that thinks long-term care and usefulness, a place of improved and affordable infrastructure for its inhabitants and for investor confidence. A system of consumer services that looks to opportunities that will empower consumer spending through efficiency and individual personal growth and benefits. A system of leaders elected by the people that honors and promotes its people in their best interests. A place where National Security is cherished and honored in union with the United States under the Covenant. We all should be gravely concerned of how our security is being managed, the risks we have all been placed in, the silence and inaction of certain elected officials despite the chaos and risks that presents itself quite callously.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
These are all achievable only with and by the will of the people by placing the right individuals in office that sincerely care in bettering our Commonwealth. It should never be about self-interest, but interest only for the benefit of the CNMI and its people, working to achieve a common good across political boundaries for generations to come. The future of our Commonwealth and the lives of its people is not a game.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ALDAN, VINCENT RAYMOND SEMAN
(Independent)

MANGLONA, GLENN HOCOG (Independent)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the CNMI is for every member in our community to be working and complementing each other in creating an environment that promotes a healthy living and a prosperous economy for everyone to thrive. It is a tall order and very difficult to achieve if we continue in this direction of partisan politics and special interest groups. We need to stop this cycle of segregation and discrimination amongst our people in our small community. We need to stop this "you against them mentality"; local against outsider; Chamorro vs Carolinian; Black vs. White; Republicans vs. Democrats. And if you are in one party, you'll discriminate the other party. This has to stop. We need to look out and work for a wholesome community in order to survive in these trying times. Look at what is happening with the state of our financial affairs and our economy. Look at where all the financial resources are being spent. Yes, the world has changed literally before our eyes and it will never be the same. But we must reach out beyond party lines and put a stop on petty politics. Since last election, I realized strongly that we haven't reached political maturity in order to harness the talents of our local people regardless of political affiliation. We need to help each other not against. Cultural diversity is important but it must complement our native population not compete against our own people. Hence, I am running as an INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE-to be directly answerable to my people and not at the mercy of any particular party. Again, my vision is for everyone in our community to be working and complementing each other so that we can create an environment that rewards hard working citizenry, level the playing field and for our people to live a healthy life and thrive financially. Let us help one another and do a greater good for our people in the CNMI.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
To achieve this, it requires an understanding amongst our elected officials that working together beyond partisan politics is necessary. It requires putting differences aside to make a positive impact in the life of our people. The best framework is making our people know exactly what is being introduce in the halls of congress that affects their life and to allow them to participate in the process. At the forefront, is how to be innovative and creative in generating revenues to fund the critical needs of our people. There are a few proposed legislations that I planned to introduce with of course consultation with our people. It also requires public participation and buy-in to effectuate excellent policy. Secondly how to be frugal in spending the hard-earned taxpayer dollar. And a disclosure of expenditure report to show the people where did you spent their money is inherent as a public servant and vital information for TRANSPARENCY. To achieve all this, a step by step process shall include an assessment of problem; organizing the necessary capacity to fix it or provide solution; planning it out; executing it and coming back to measure and/or tweaking it if needed or modifying it to improve it. We live in a constantly changing needs of our society. And so we need to be mindful of this public demand and act accordingly. Finally, I pledged to do exactly what is demanded by our people. If given the opportunity to serve, I will do my very best and be answerable directly to the people of Precinct 1.

FLORES, JOSEPH ARRIOLA (Independent)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I would like to see more consistency with the Programs, Education and Laws that benefit the CNMI. Also to be more consistent in protecting the rights of the CNMI people as well as the funds of the CNMI Government. I envision a stable, healthy and safe CNMI.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Achieving this goal will take community involvement and team work within both houses of the Legislature.

FLORES
JOSEPH ARRIOLA
"For the People"
FOR PRECINCT 1
My Dear Fellow Precinct#1 Community,
I am again seeking your support and confidence in me to continue representing you and your family and the entire community of Precinct#1 this coming November 3rd Election.
During my two year tenure in the 21st Legislature, I have given a lot of my efforts in trying to accomplish as much as I possibly could, for the betterment of our community. Two years seems like a long time, but in reality, there's just still so much more I would like to do and accomplish.
This is the reason I am seeking re-election this coming November, to be able to continue what I have been doing, and to find more and better ways to enhance my ability to be able to continue doing things that would improve the livelihood of our community and the CNMI as a whole.I believe in commitment, trust, communication, diversity of capabilities, adaptability and creative freedom.
Furthermore, it has been a tremendous learning experience the past two years. I have gained knowledge and therefore I am grateful that the people have given me the opportunity to serve as their representative. Despite the challenges we now face with Covid-19 crisis, I will and in hopes to continue to carry on with the proficiency of a representative and serve the community, such as landscape/rehabilitate social areas, create and support beneficial policies, donate to various organizations and most importantly assist the Precinct 1 community to the best of my abilities.
Best Regards,
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GUERRERO, JOSEPH LEEPAN TENORIO (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision the CNMI to expand as a melting pot of the Pacific. Some ways to accomplish this is by establishing partnerships with key investors that will help revitalize tourism, infrastructures, and our eco-system. I wish for our Commonwealth to be the most beautiful and peaceful place on earth where people can live in harmony with respect for one another. Finally, I envision a government which provides efficient public services for the betterment of our community.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I believe we must re-examine and reinvent the wheel to come up with innovative modern solutions that are both doable and within our financial capability. Tourism, as our biggest economic driver in the islands, can be reestablished with a stronger foundation if we rebrand our Commonwealth. Some ways we can accomplish this is by improving the quality of services and common tourist hotspots. We need to be investor friendly but be extremely diligent and thorough in combing through the types of businesses we allow to operate in the CNMI to ensure that they are conducting their businesses in a manner which will not harm our pristine environment and/or overwhelm our infrastructures. We must come up with a master plan that is realistic and acceptable to the here and now but also set up to be sensitive to our future generations. Additionally, we need to address our limited manpower resources so that we can identify how best to obtain skilled workers that are willing to work in hospitality, construction workforce, among other trade professions.

BENAVENTE, ROMAN CEPEDA (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the Commonwealth is for a well-educated society. The world continues to evolve with never-ending challenges. Therefore, I firmly believe that educated citizens provide creativity and innovation which gives us the tools to develop more feasible solutions to economic obstacles the cnmi may face. More importantly, an educated society further enhances the resilience of individuals to overcome challenges when faced with difficult situations.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I plan to achieve this by continuing my work with educators to craft and fine tune their visions to improve and support the education system. In doing this, I hope that we will transform the current learning system and evolve with progressive changes while acquiring appropriate resources.

ADA, ROY CHRISTOPHER ALDAN (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I look at my kids, my wife, my family, friends, and our community. When I think of the CNMI and my vision, I see our children growing up, making a difference in the direction we take them. I am running for office to accomplish this for our community, working alongside my colleagues, to work towards building a prosperous CNMI, full of opportunities in education, in the workforce, and in the economy.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
It's all about our community, most especially, our youth. I plan to achieve this vision by mentoring and supporting their growth and creating opportunities for them to strive so that they, in turn, will take bigger steps to continue the progress forward for the next generation.

PANGELINAN, RANDALL DEXTER MASGA (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the future, as I have stated in my campaign slogan, is short and simple. STRONGER TOGETHER. There is no question that we, as a community, are going through unprecedented challenges. My vision for the future is a stronger precinct 1 because a stronger precinct is a stronger CNMI. My vision is clear and focused on bridging and filling the gap in our Manhoben community, LGBTQ community and most especially our Man'amko.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
My strategy is to achieve such vision is to continue the good work our administration has been doing by executing three guiding principles: TEAMWORK. UNDERSTANDING. HARDWORK.

It is my belief that these principles will serve as the three great pillars that will hold the foundation of what is Randall Pangelinan in office. I will work with my fellow legislators in creating a better Marianas by understanding the needs of the people across the CNMI and working together in order to reach our goals as one Commonwealth family. And finally, I will work diligently in finding more fresh and effective ideas that will prove beneficial for our people by serving as your public servant that would bring our brothers and sisters together in order to resolve our issues in the CNMI and working collaboratively with each other because we are, STRONGER TOGETHER.

DEMAPAN, ANGEL ALDAN (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
Born, raised and rooted in Precinct 1, I was blessed with the privilege and honor to serve in the 19th and 20th CNMI House of Representatives.

As a parent, I know how important it is for us to live in a community that is stronger, safer and healthier for us and for our children. That is why in my two terms in office, I worked as hard as possible to see that 27 of my most critical legislations were signed into law, putting hundreds of millions of dollars into education, fully funding retirees' pensions, veterans support, and cancer programs to name a few.

This election, we have the opportunity to restore EXPERIENCED, DRIVEN, and COMMITTED LEADERSHIP to the House and give our people representation we can BELIEVE in.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
As we navigate the challenges of the ongoing global pandemic, we must focus our energy on restoring our economic footing so that in turn, the CNMI will be poised to once again shift much needed resources toward critical services such as health care, education, and public safety.

To achieve every positive outcome for our Commonwealth, it will require a unified engagement with all stakeholders and a true willingness to work harder together, not against each other. This is our Marianas. Our culture is rooted in the principles of respect, peace, and harmony for all. It is in these beliefs that I am confident we will always rise above any disparity for the greater good.

CASTRO, LUIS JOHN DELEON GUERRERO (Independent)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision a CNMI that is strong economically, environmentally and from an infrastructure and cultural standpoint. I envision our islands as a place that not only our visitors can enjoy, but our residents can take pride and ownership in. A place where we can raise our children in safe communities, where our youth can get an adequate education and come back to contribute to the advancement of our islands, where we can feel safe and secure from disaster and emergency, and a place that we can be proud in more ways than one of calling our home.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Through working collectively with constituents and our local leaders in coming up with solutions to the issues at hand, whether it be through dialogue or legislation to ensure our communities are safer from crime and harm, find ways to generate much needed revenue to our economy, and continue to support our education system as both an institution of enlightenment and an engine for our economy. If given the opportunity again to serve again, I look to continuing working relationships I have established both locally and regionally and from both sides of the aisle to find common ground in seeking remedies to these and other issues and making the vision as I stated a reality, if not at this time then in the near future.

The times we are in make all of these issues sound difficult to fix, and they are, it is easier SAID than done to remedy what we'd all like to see fixed. Yet, these goals are achievable if we continue to work hard at solving them, and not lose our collective hope of leaving the CNMI better than we found it. I am hopeful we can see ourselves out of what we are in, and I hope to be part of that work in addressing these concerns as a member of the 22nd Legislature.

CABRERA, ANTONIO BLAS (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision a CNMI that is economically thriving and sustainable through strong community and legislative efforts. That means not just jobs but meaningful careers for all our people. It means equal treatment of all under the law. And it means a safe, clean and healthy environment, from the waters to the beaches to public places and playgrounds.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
If the Democratic Party is elected to a majority in the House, the work we have been entrusted to partake will be comprehensive and appropriate. We need to enhance and assure public accountability by strengthening the power (authority) of the Public Auditor to detect, investigate and prosecute those who commit corruption, such as fraud, waste, and misuse of public funds and assets.

We all know that CNMI's economic situation is not getting any better. We are also aware that the government is bloated and is spending more money than it can receive. We have to be mindful with waste and unnecessary government expenditures. One example of this is to invest tourist tax revenue where it belongs: cleaning up and improving our tourist attractions. Tourists are what we need to keep going. With enough tourism and other private enterprise, we can keep our island people employed without needing to depend on government jobs.

BABAUTA, CELINA ROBERTO (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
As one of 10 women seeking a seat at the CNMI Legislature, I would like to see a Commonwealth wherein the opportunities for advancement are equal across all sectors of our society and not concentrated on any political fractions. What is the kind of CNMI do you envision? I envision a balance of highly educated and highly skilled Commonwealth workforce that is free from the political intimidation or political injustices we are seeing today.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I hope to achieve this by changing lives, one family at a time by providing or directing our citizens to proper resources to acquire the necessary education and skills, whether its agriculture, aquaculture, technical services or other service-oriented professions to make lasting effects by fostering self-reliance. We need to redirect our focus on outcomes and work our way back. It may take 2 years, it may take 5 years or longer but if we put our collective minds together and have our community be a part of the decision-making process, we will get there together.

MUÑA, PETER FRANCIS REYES (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I want to see the CNMI Retirement fund secured for years to come. I want to make sure that the government meets its obligation to the Public School System or PSS for it is mandated in its constitution. I want see that every indigenous people in the Northern Marianas get quality and affordable healthcare. Continue the investment on Education not just for our college-bound students but for every individual in the CNMI at all ages, working or retired. Diversify in our number one industry; Tourism. Improvement to our villages, supporting small businesses.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
How would we pay for all these? The Democratic Party has a platform. We are united and we will work together to eliminate wasteful spending and use our revenue either from BGRT, grants, 702 CPI money and other revenues to ensure that we get the things done for the people of the Commonwealth.

PITEG, BENUSTO (Democrat)

PROPST, EDWIN KENNETH (Democrat)

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SABLAN, JOHN PAUL PALACIOS (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
The Commonwealth is in an unprecedented challenging time as are many other jurisdictions in parts of the world due to the pandemic. My vision is for economic recovery through the infusion of new business ideas while discovering ways to nourish the ones we presently have.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Innovating our marketing strategy that captures the beauty of our islands with emphasis on the uniqueness in our cultures that sets as apart from other destinations. We also need to reinvigorate our economy with new and diverse investments by making our Commonwealth an investor-friendly destination. I will continue to work collaboratively and harmoniously with our elected leaders, all stakeholders across all levels of our government, and with our business community to find viable solutions to recover from our economic challenges.

AQUINO, DANIEL JR. IWASHITA (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the Commonwealth is for a full economic recovery built upon policies and legislations that are aligned towards the improvement of our citizen's economic livelihood that improves the quality of living, protection and safeguards of citizens against repeat criminal offenders through legislation that punishes and imposes stricter penalties.

I envision a CNMI that:

- Improves the lives of every resident through private job opportunities.
- Initiate policies and legislation that promote and stimulate business investments, opportunities and growth.
- Safeguards our residents from criminals through legislation that provides for mandatory jail time for repeat criminal offenders.
- Promotes more health and wellness programs for our adults and youths.
- Promotes sustainable programs for our youth and community.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?

- Stronger private business and government partnerships.
- Introduce legislation that deregulates permitting process to promote economic stimulus and job opportunities.
- stream line duplication of government services to promote efficiency.
- Introduce legislation that decreases the amount of taxes taken out of payroll from working individuals.
- Collaboration with DPS, other law enforcement personnel, and other agencies to establish a DPS Police Reserve by offering retirement points for officers who provide their time and service during their day off.

MARCIANO, LUELLA ICHIHARA (Democrat)

My name is Luella Ichihara Marciano and I am honored to be running for a Precinct 2 seat in the House of Representatives. I have lived in Chalan Kanoa District #4 for the last 20 years and during these years, I have seen so many changes in our community.

If elected, my pledge to you is to listen, participate, and above all, work to see how we can improve our community to create a consistent dialogue of commitment, safety and transparency to help our community get back on its feet and prosper. In addition to being a policy maker, my top priorities on my agenda are to bring back community involvement and take ownership of our village districts, build district village security, create programs for our youth in each district, and hold village district meetings to see and learn what our Precinct 2 residents need.

Now is the time to rise against self-interested leaders. I have the heart, the passion, and the drive to take our Chalan Kanoa District 1, 2, 3, 4, Susupe, Fina Sisu, As Lito and Chalan Piao (W.S.R. area) to the next level with all your help. With your help and first-hand experiences as our people living in our districts, I will be able to know your issues and concerns that need to be prioritized and addressed.

Bring back common-sense leadership into our Precinct 2. Our Precinct 2 used to be the flourishing capital of the Northern Marianas. There are still many historical sites, such as the Roundhouse, Sugar Dock, Old Japanese Homes, and Susupe Lake. Our San Isidro Beach or known to many now as Laly4 should remain a family-oriented beach. We have many abandoned infrastructures that need to be demolished and removed for our people's safety. Let us rebuild and improve our communities to bring back the beauty of our villages.

I am a mother, grandmother, a wife and a retired educator who has decided to run for office. I believe in true leadership that works collaboratively towards the betterment of our CNMI. I am a firm believer of commitment, transparency, and honesty. With my 22 years of service in the Public School System, Master's in Education from Framingham State College, I am ready for another challenge. I am a leader who fights for my team, my community and family. I believe in justice and I pledge to you that I will fight beside you for our precinct advancement.

SABLAN, CHRISTINE MARIE ELISE (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I share the Democratic vision of a commonwealth where the rule of law prevails, prosperity is shared, and economic development raises quality of life for all. Where our educational system develops skilled workers, creative problem-solvers, and great citizens. Where small businesses thrive. Where quality healthcare is affordable and accessible. Where our villages are safe and beautiful. Where our government is fiscally responsible, leaders listen to their constituents, and people participate freely in civic life.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
We are fortunate to have hundreds of millions of federal dollars flowing to the CNMI to assist us in our recovery from typhoon disasters and the Covid-19 pandemic. We must make sure those funds are wisely spent and fully accounted for. We have to fully account for commonwealth funds too, and pass budgets and legislation that reflect our priorities: education, health, safety, infrastructure, and the revitalization of our villages.

We also have to diversify our economy beyond mass tourism and gaming, and shift our focus to homegrown businesses: local entrepreneurs, producers, manufacturers. There are many opportunities for more local participation in economic development - in diversified forms of tourism and in industries like agriculture, aquaculture, and renewable energy. The government must create the conditions in which local businesses can flourish, through training, technical assistance, targeted incentives, and fair and sensible legal frameworks.

A government that is transparent about how public funds are spent, that invests these funds in tangible improvements to public services and quality of life, and that continually receives and responds to feedback about how to do better—is a government that builds trust with the people it serves.

★★★★★★★★ **PRECINCT 3** ★★★★★★★★

BLANCO, IVAN ALAFANSO (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
The vision I hold is of full recovery for the economy to the levels of 2017, if not more. I envision that our economy rebounds back stronger with the partnership of our government entities, our businesses, and our whole community.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Supporting our recovery efforts may require revisiting legislations that may need revision to enable timely execution of infrastructure projects, such as the recent award of $244M in CDBG-DR funds. We must ensure that this funding, along with all other funding on disaster-related projects are carried out within the authorized timeframe and to get these funds flowing in our economy. We must revisit and address regulations or statutes that may potentially delay or prevent the movement of these critical infrastructure projects.

YUMUL, RALPH NARAJA (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
There is no doubt COVID-19 had a huge impact on every industry in the world and we are not spared here in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The vision that I see for our economy, first and foremost is a complete recovery.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Although we still face many uncertainties here in the CNMI, I will continue to support our number one industry, tourism, while maintaining our strong relationship with Japan and focusing on emerging markets like Korea and China. With the announcement of the historic $244 million CDBG-DR and $90 FEMA Disaster Loan our Commonwealth stands to generate close to a billion dollars in the next 5 years. I will continue to support our Small Businesses. I strive to support legislative bills to help our businesses especially in the permitting processes while encouraging entrepreneurship here in the CNMI. I will also continue to push legislation to revitalize the farming and fishing industries through investments in educational or training institutions to expand the vocational programs for our local farmers and fishermen.

ITIBUS, JOSE ILO (Republican)

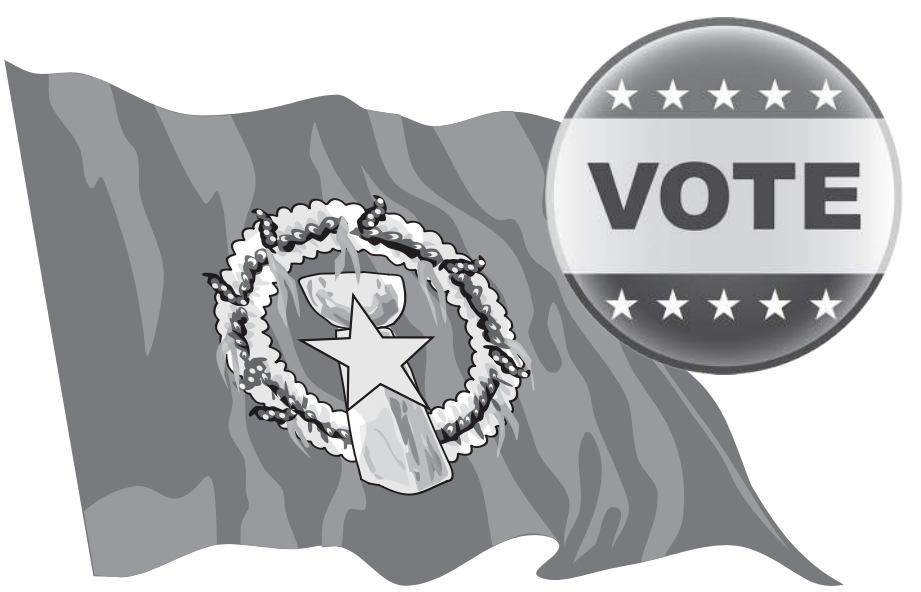
What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the CNMI is an economy that is self-sufficient by the people of our islands. Supporting our local businesses and owners and giving honest, practical feedback/support to potential ideas/business that can rejuvenate our economy during the times we live in now. We do not know if the end of the COVID pandemic is near, but as a community we can work to adjust to our new reality. With the pandemic's direct impact to the tourism industry, our economy has been left vulnerable. But new sources of revenue for our economy might save us now and in the future past the pandemic and will benefit the islands as a whole.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Working towards the empowerment and education of our community so together we can rejuvenate our economy. Investing in our people through trade schools to provide the opportunity for local businesses, workmen, and to lessen our need to look elsewhere for labor or skill sets, and supporting current and potential civic activities/programs to connect our community once again.

ATTAO, BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" TENORIO (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision that our economy will recover to what normal was and build on it. Working along with our Partners from the Federal government, local government, private sector, non-profit organizations and our community to improve our economy and bring our people back to pre-COVID days and grow to become a stronger and more vibrant CNMI for our people and our visitors.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
Supporting legislation that will help improve our livelihood, be it new legislation or upgrading existing statutes. Support all efforts from our various government departments, agencies and instrumentalities in the efforts to capture competitive grants that will help our Commonwealth. With all the monies (over $500 million) that we stand to receive from competitive grants we must move projects quickly by working with the administration in its current initiative to streamline the permitting process to ensure all projects can move forward and get the funds flowing into the economy and provide job opportunities and business ventures for our people.



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Christina Sablan #2
Luella Ichihara Marciano #4

Precinct 2
House of Representatives
Democrat

We stand for honest, transparent, and responsible leadership. Leadership that listens to you. Leadership that puts our community first before personal or special interests.

We pledge to work together with you, the people we serve, for a safer, healthier, and more beautiful Precinct and Commonwealth we are proud of.

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PETER, MARCO TAISAKAN (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
Thank you for the opportunity to join your public forum and for this opportunity to reply to your important questions.

My immediate and urgent goal and vision for the people of the CNMI is to make it through this global pandemic with each family member intact and unaffected by this unfortunate and deadly virus.

I would like to see the expansion of our economy in order to provide work to the unemployed and to the new graduates of both high school and college students. They've earned their place in the CNMI economy, and it is our duty to provide them with the opportunity to enhance their quality of life while contributing to the development of our Commonwealth.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I plan to accomplish this vision by working with elected leaders, and alongside with the people of the CNMI, to explore all options that would further support our frontline workers and healthcare professionals keep our community safe while capturing opportunities towards building a more resilient and sustainable Commonwealth for our people today and for our future generation.

I ask the voters of our great Precinct 3 to vote your conscience. If you believe that I have served you well and will continue serve you well, then I ask you to vote for me and the rest of my GOP Team. Continue to stay safe and Stay Strong CNMI!

VILLAGOMEZ, EDMUND JOSEPH SABLAN (Independent)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision a CNMI where our children are receiving the education that they so rightfully deserve. I envision a CNMI where our people do not have to seek elsewhere for healthcare. I envision a CNMI where we have a strong economy that will provide jobs and the revenue necessary to provide the basic public services of public health, safety, and education, among other services. I envision a CNMI where we have a low crime rate, where residents and visitors can feel safe in our community. I also envision a clean and healthy environment that we can all appreciate and pass on to the next generation. I envision a strong private sector created by both local and non-local investors. I envision a CNMI where laws are enforced for the safety of our community. I envision a clean, responsible, effective, and transparent government.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
The plan may sound simple, but it is a big challenge and that is to improve the economy. A strong economy provides for opportunities in employment especially for our local residents. This ensures money stays in the CNMI. With a strong economy we can expect an increase in revenue to provide for services for the people. One of the foundations in achieving this goal is maintaining responsible government spending. Stop money from falling through the cracks. In addition, we must continue to take steps towards by working with all involved in the public and private sector. The economy has a major impact on everything in the CNMI. To a certain extent, it may also affect the preservation of self-government. All our efforts to improve areas in the CNMI are directed towards the economy. We must continue to work on strategic economic policies that will encourage entrepreneurship, new business, and diversification. This will trickle down to the community and help us meet the needs of the CNMI.

CAMACHO, VICENTE CASTRO (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
A prosperous Commonwealth. My vision, our vision, and goals are focused on improving the quality of life of our people.

A prosperous Commonwealth is to live and conduct our daily lives with a sense of security knowing that at the end of the day we have earned a day's fair wage. A sense of security that elders, children, grandchildren would not have to fight the same fight that are preventable. A stable job that will provide for all our daily necessities which create a stable environment in order to live and start a family and live a decent life. I envision a CNMI where every household can receive returns from the government from excess revenue after all the government obligations are satisfied.

I envision good governance that focuses on public interest and the absence of corruption and a government whose financial records are open for public scrutiny, and hold people accountable for abuse of government funds. It should be enforced and make it a crime, and it must be applied to everyone who holds a key position of authority. A government free of nepotism in appointments, hiring, and free of using political power to influence, or endanger the job security of others outside its direct control. A government that does not engage on " under-the-table" negotiations for personal gain of these in office. A government that does not use "party-loyalty" to influence employees, the allocations of resources such as the federal assistance. A government that enforces the processes in which every branch of the government operates efficiently and responsibly, and a government that will guarantee basic human rights to every individual person, social group, and other persons.

I envision a Commonwealth in which all the people have a sense of security and feel that their elected representatives are working on the behalf for the common good of all. I envision our Commonwealth Health Center becoming the state-of-the-art hospital that it was designed to be, eventually eliminating the need of off-island referrals. I envision the health care available for all who need it. I envision Youth Center, safe environment for our young (our future) with programs for healthy development of both mind and body. A Commonwealth respects elders appreciates their importance to our culture. I envision support of local people in business their earnings provide notes only livelihood, but also a big boost to the local economy.

I envision a government that will work towards acquiring an airline to serve all of the CNMI and its tourist industry, and a university of our future generation. I envision a government with a long-term economic and development plan. In short, I envision a Commonwealth that functions just as the word is defined: a form of government in which power is in the hands of the people and serve the common good of the people. The people of the CNMI deserve, and entitled, such a government.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I realize that I cannot fulfill the elements of this vision on my own. And they cannot be achieved overnight. But I do believe that it can be done. If elected, I will work with all members of the legislature to bring about positive change in the government for the benefits of our people. I cannot promise more, I will not do less.

MAGOFNA, CORINA LORRAINE (Democrat)

YANGETMAI, DENITA KAIPAT (Democrat)

SAURES, ALFREDO LITULUMAR (Democrat)

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TAITANO, CECILIA REMEDIO (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
The Commonwealth is my home. It is OUR home! Therefore, it is my determination to be a strong and instrumental part of realizing and effecting a continued safe, prosperous, vibrant, strong, and self-sustaining economy and community, abundant in opportunities for our people, businesses and visitors by adapting to the ever changing world despite the many impacts that have slowed our growth and economy, so that our future generations will benefit from our diligence and perseverance in cultivating a sustainable and strong CNMI!

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I believe in teamwork. I believe in COLLABORATION. I believe in pulling our network of skillful, resourceful, experienced and educated team of movers, thinkers, planners and executors within our MARIANAS LEADERSHIP composed of men and women to the drawing table and forge strong and effective decisions to tackle any issue, obstacle and challenge. TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

CAMACHO, JOEL CASTRO (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the Marianas is to have a thriving economy and a clean and beautiful environment by having more locally owned businesses and big companies/corporations contributing and giving back to our communities. Ultimately, to have a more self-sufficient CNMI with less reliance on aid from outside of the Commonwealth.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I believe this can be achieved by promoting more policies that encourage our people to open up more privately-owned businesses and policies that can promote more public/private partnerships that benefit the entire community. Beautification and maintenance of our villages and main roadways will help to attract more businesses that benefit underprivileged villages around our islands.

BABAUTA, SHEILA THERESE JACK (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the CNMI is one that is prosperous and sustainable. A safe, healthy place where our community is connected to one another in a way that provides safe spaces for the diverse groups that call the CNMI home. Where our youth feel encouraged to freely express themselves, where small businesses thrive from creative energy and contribute to a vibrant economy, where our visitors feel welcomed to enjoy our rich culture and deep history, where families work and play together, where we take pride in protecting and caring for our environment. A place where people are happy.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
We must plant the seeds today, if we want to see positive change in the future. My vision for our CNMI cannot be achieved by one person; it is a collective effort that requires compromise and collaboration. Through my office, I've focused on programs that value interconnectedness, service, and education. Leadership is about holding the vision, especially when many feel it beginning to fade. The CNMI is my home, I love this place. And I am committed to serving my community.

CASTRO, JENITA BABAUTA (Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the CNMI holds values of respect, humility, and care for our people and our environment. As a civil service employee for over 30 years, I am familiar with the challenges and enduring situations experienced by our community - at all levels, in many diverse groups. Our CNMI is a beautiful place that our children deserve to enjoy in the future with their families and where our elderly can pass down wisdom, living the rest of their days peacefully, reassured that all will be well. I envision a CNMI where tourists want to visit, students want to return, and where residents live with peace and pride for their home.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I plan to contribute to this vision by serving Precinct 4 and our CNMI with hard-work, commitment, and honesty—contributing to a responsible government that our community can trust. My long-term vision requires steps that I'm willing to take in diligently serving our youth, retirees, elderly, and those with disabilities. Our most vulnerable groups deserve support from their government and leaders—whether that be through educational opportunities or community programs. I am here to serve, and I am humbly asking for your vote.

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PRECINCT 4

#1 CASTRO JENITA

Jenny Castro, who works in the CNMI Department of Commerce right now, continues with her more than 30 years of service as a civil service employee and, though she remains employed, understands the struggles that many are faced with this year, after seeing many of her co-workers, family, and friends furloughed from their jobs. This has served as the driving force behind her candidacy, which she believes will help her to make a difference, "not because I need to, but because I want to."

Her work in the Department of Commerce has given her a glimpse of the challenges facing many small business owners and private citizens these days, and, if elected, she said she would like to focus on projects for the youth, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and small business owners.

Among her goals, she wants to advocate for legislation that promotes economic growth and diversity in the CNMI, as well as "coordinate with my political colleagues to ensure responsible government for the people."

BABAUTA SHEILA #4

When Sheila J. Babauta thinks about the future of Precinct 4 and the CNMI, she envisions "one that is prosperous and sustainable for future generations to enjoy."
Babauta, who is seeking re-election for the House of Representatives in Precinct 4, wants to inspire positive change through responsible leadership. To her, this means to "enhance and preserve the natural beauty of our environment, develop a diverse and vibrant economy, and provide a safe and healthy community for all".

During the past two years, she has dedicated her time to community-enhanced projects and programs, enacting change through bills and resolutions, strengthening partnerships within government agencies and developing herself as a leader.

"A priority during my term was the adoption of the Tanapag Youth Center, and through a partnership with the Division of Youth Services, we were able to continue the After School Program and offer a variety of activities to our youth," Babauta said. "We learned together, laughed together, and had a lot of fun together."

That's her top priority: youth empowerment and education. "We must invest in our youth, develop leaders, and offer a variety of opportunities in order to realize a vibrant economy, stable environment, and safe and healthy community for all."

A VOTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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DELEON GUERRERO, LORENZO IGLECIAS
(Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
Truthful to our reality, there is no certainty as to how soon we will recover from this pandemic crisis. I am proud that our government has been very proactive in its approach in dealing with the pandemic way before it hit our shore. CNMI is leading by example to other jurisdictions, which has demonstrated our due diligence and in the proactive implementation of policies and mitigation measures to keep our community safe. We will remain focus in the ongoing recovery efforts by capitalizing on our internal resources while maximizing all federal resources towards our full recovery.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
By working in close collaboration with all stakeholders to develop a feasible and sustainable plan towards full economic recovery while we continue expanding sustainable initiatives to further grow our agricultural and fishery industries and for continued growth of entrepreneurship and small businesses.

Now, more than ever we must forge a unified strategic plan, government and private to implement all resources and minds available to curtail all uncertainties facing our Commonwealth as a result of all the unprecedented circumstances and together, we will prevail and stay strong as one Marianas.

BASA, RAMON SABLAN (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision that for the short-term, 2-4 years, our great CNMI will rebound from the worst economic devastation brought about by the unprecedented Covid-19 Pandemic to an economy with new and enhanced resources that will allow economic growth. Additionally, for the long-term, 10+ years, I envision a stable, robust, and self-sustaining economy for the CNMI with ample job opportunities that offer meaningful and livable wages, thus providing a higher standard of living and a greater quality of life as envisioned also in the CNMI Covenant, Article 7 Section.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
The pandemic crisis has exposed the CNMI's vulnerability to its primary economic source - the tourism industry. If elected, I will focus on expanding our economic base by diversifying our economy to supplement our only main industry, tourism, with new industries that are less labor intensive. In addition, I will explore legislative initiatives that will expand telemedicine, develop tele-education, agriculture and fisheries, and technology-driven businesses and policies that support sustainable growth in entrepreneurship and small business ventures.

MENDIOLA, JOSEPH MUNA
(Independent)

LIZAMA, RICHARD TUDELA
(Democrat)

STAFFLER, LEILA HAVEIA FLEMING CLARK
(Democrat)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision a CNMI that thrives because of H.O.P.E. H.O.P.E. stands for Healthcare, Opportunities, Prudence and Ethics. The kind of CNMI I envision is a CNMI that is healthy and prosperous because we capitalize on opportunities and partnerships to improve our systems and educate our people so they can also improve their lives. The kind of CNMI I envision is a CNMI that is prudent with its finances and has a diversified economy that is not reliant on one industry. The kind of CNMI I envision, has a government system that is a bastion of ethics. The kind of CNMI where there is transparency in finance with internal controls that ensure public funds are only spent on public purposes. This is my vision of the Commonwealth.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I plan to achieve this vision by working with teams to look systematically at different parts of our Commonwealth in terms of policies and services to approach the kind of change that becomes systemic. In order to restore public trust and fiscal responsibility in government we must exercise oversight. In order to demonstrate accountability and transparency, Democrats support the 2018 OPA audit recommendations (http://bit.ly/OPAReport2018) to enact legislation providing guidance for legislative allowances, and to establish a uniform travel policy for the government to name a few. IN order to ensure we are engaging with the public about public decisions, we must upgrade our communication and outreach abilities to include virtual settings. IN order to create a stronger, more diversified economy, we must invest in public education at all levels. High-quality educational programs provide the foundation CNMI residents need to develop and learn required skills to become productive members of our society. In order to have a healthy community we must prioritize investments in our healthcare system, and work to expand access to affordable, high-quality healthcare for all residents. IN order to cultivate a healthy lifestyle, we must support sustainability through community gardens and outdoor spaces conducive to healthy activity. We must reform the medical referral program to increase its efficiency thus reducing costs and more importantly, serve the families who need specialized medical services abroad. These are a FEW of the things the Democratic team has discussed moving forward. Our platform is available online for more information about these plans and more: https://www.nmidems.org/the-people-s-party.

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SAN NICOLAS, PATRICK HOFSCHNEIDER
(Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for CNMI is for a sustainable economic diversification. We are too dependent on tourism and gaming, so we have to find other ways or attractive ways to establish different types of industries. I think that if we diversify our economy and create opportunities to have more jobs in the private sector, CNMI especially in precinct 6 (Tinian) can be self-sustainable.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
To achieve this vision is to build a working relationship with other members of the House of Representatives, the Tinian delegation, the governor and the Mayor of Tinian and with our most precious resources here in Tinian is our manhoben (young voters). So we have to let them know about the plans and agendas that we have because they are our future leaders.

DELA CRUZ, FREDERICK AREND
(Democrat)

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TOVES, BARRIE CUTHBERT (Republican)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
I envision big changes in the CNMI, one that would recapture the good old days of a loving and peaceful Marianas where all leaders unite in harmony and as a community of one Commonwealth working together towards one common goal – advancing opportunities for our people to achieve economic prosperity throughout the entire CNMI as a whole.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
To diversify our economic base by capitalizing on our natural resources to further develop our agricultural industry to complement our eco-tourism initiatives while expanding export activities. I will work in close collaboration with legislative members and the administration to focus on diversification of our economy to support development of critical infrastructure and business growth through entrepreneurship and small business enterprises throughout the Commonwealth.

MANGLONA, DONALD MANALANG
(Independent)

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FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT – ROTA

MANGLONA, LORITA MESNGON
(Nonpartisan)

OGO, ABRAHAM MANGLONA
(Nonpartisan)

ATALIG, JIM MICHAEL
(Nonpartisan)

LIZAMA, JONOVAN H.
(Nonpartisan)

SIKEBERT, MICHAEL CAIN
(Nonpartisan)

TAITANO, WILLIAM APATANG
(Nonpartisan)

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SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT – TINIAN

MENDIOLA, THOMASA RITA PALACIOS
(Nonpartisan)

SANTOS, JOSEPH ROMALDO EVANGELISTA
(Nonpartisan)

ALDAN, MICHAEL NAPU KING
(Nonpartisan)

MANGLONA, JOSEPH MANGLONA
(Nonpartisan)

MEDIOLA, JUANITA MASGA
(Nonpartisan)

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THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT – SAIPAN & NI

TUDELA, ANTONIA MANIBUSAN
(Nonpartisan)

CASTRO, ANA DEMAPAN
(Nonpartisan)

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT – SAIPAN & NI

BORJA, GREGORY PAT (Nonpartisan)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
My vision for the Commonwealth is that our students graduate from high school, ready to enter into college and/or have the skills necessary to enter the workforce. What is the kind of CNMI do you envision? I envision a CNMI in which all residents are treated with dignity and respect and they are given opportunities to contribute to our community through education and vocation.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I would plan to achieve this vision by ensuring that the students' individual schools receive the appropriate resources, through fiscal transparency, in order for children to succeed and to hold the Commissioner of Education accountable for the duties and responsibilities they were hired to perform.

WOODRUFF, STEPHEN CARL (Nonpartisan)

What is your vision for the Commonwealth?
Genuine realization of the mandate of the CNMI Constitution for an autonomous public school system with secure funding independent of the whim and caprice and machinations of the Governor and other officials outside the educational system. Protection and empowerment of students, parents, and the community. Achieve excellence and have schools that providing a lifelong foundation of personal growth, enrichment, and abundance for every young person growing up in the Commonwealth.

How do you plan to achieve that vision?
I will apply my skills, experience, and principles to the task. I will protect the constitutional prerogatives of the Public School System. I will refuse to accept a contention that something depends on the discretion of the governor. That discretion belongs to the Board of Education. Important decisions about school facilities, relocations, programs, schedules, calendars, and so forth should never be made without consultation with parents and students. I will firmly resist executive or legislative overreach. I will work to effect structural changes that protect PSS finances and promote innovation in educational methods. I will build upon the magnificent natural advantages and cultural resources our islands enjoy.

CABRERA JR, EPIPHANIO ESTOLANO
(Nonpartisan)

TENORIO, MAISIE BERMUDES
(Nonpartisan)

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FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT – ROTA

ATALIG, HERMAN MANGLONA
(Nonpartisan)

RETENTION ELECTION

INOS, PERRY
NARAJA, ROBERTO
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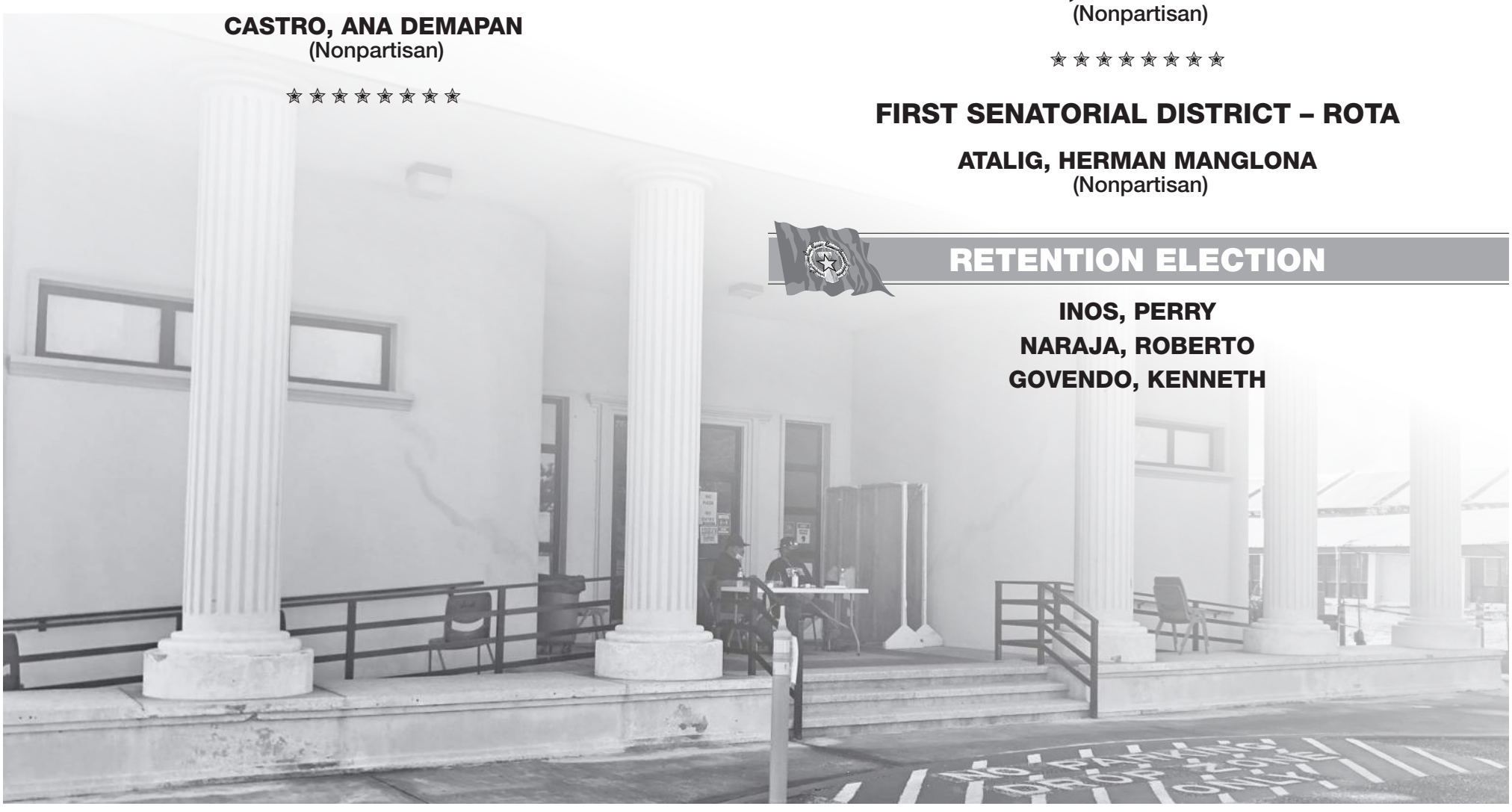

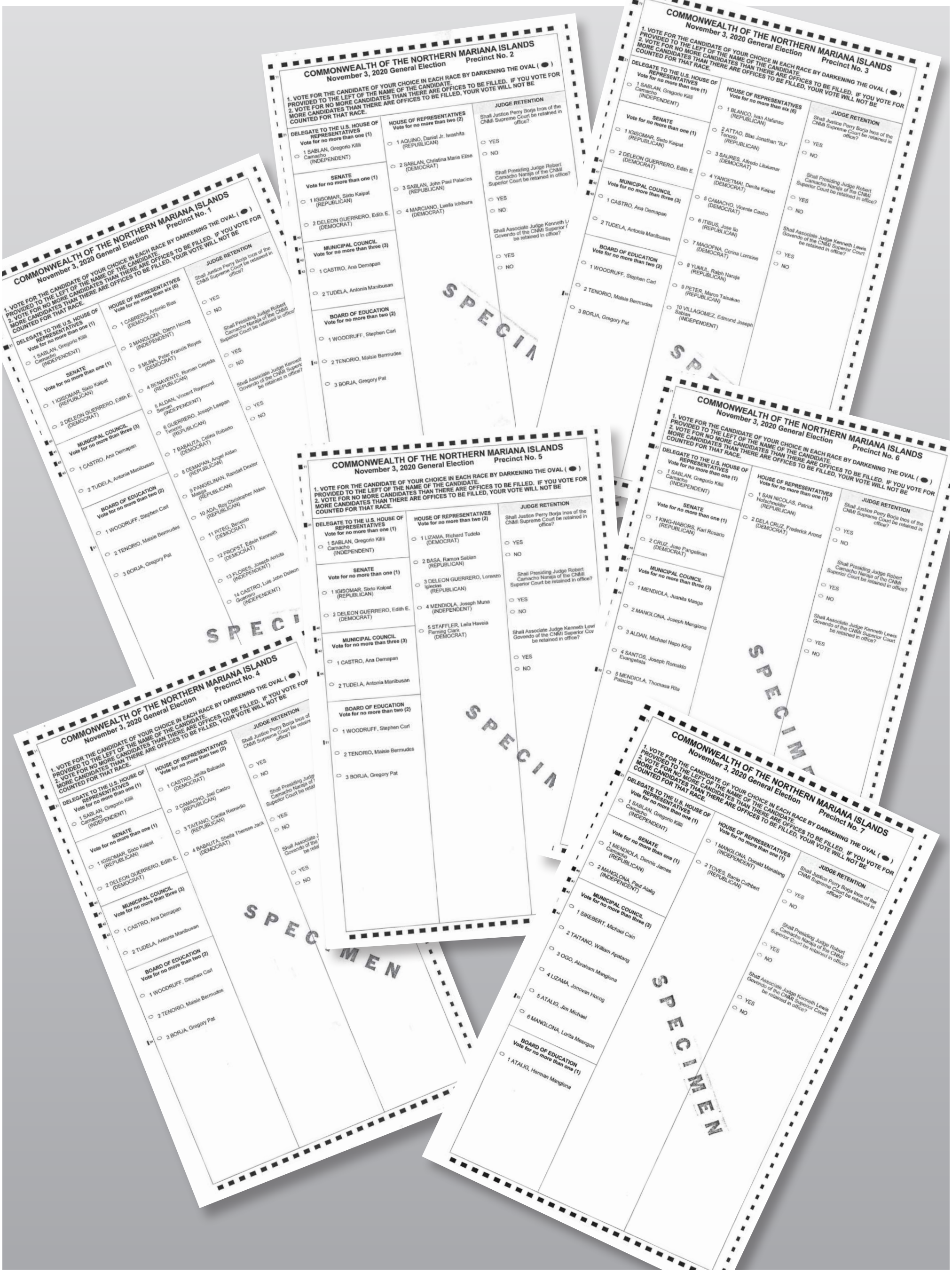
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
November 3, 2020 General Election
Precinct No. 1
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Precinct No. 7
1. VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE IN EACH RACE BY DARKENING THE OVAL (●)
PROVIDED TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE.
2. VOTE FOR NO MORE CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE OFFICES TO BE FILLED. IF YOU VOTE FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE OFFICES TO BE FILLED, YOUR VOTE WILL NOT BE COUNTED FOR THAT RACE.
DELEGATE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Vote for no more than one (1)
1 SABLAN, Gregorio Kilili Camacho (INDEPENDENT)
SENATE
Vote for no more than one (1)
1 IGISOMAR, Sixto Kaipat (REPUBLICAN)
2 DELEON GUERRERO, Edith E. (DEMOCRAT)
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Vote for no more than three (3)
1 CASTRO, Ana Demapan
2 TUDELA, Antonia Manibusan
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Vote for no more than two (2)
1 WOODRUFF, Stephen Carl
2 TENORIO, Maisie Bermudes
3 BORJA, Gregory Pat
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Vote for no more than six (6)
1 CABRERA, Antonio Blas (DEMOCRAT)
2 MANGLONA, Glenn Hocog (INDEPENDENT)
3 MUNA, Peter Francis Reyes (DEMOCRAT)
4 BENAVENTE, Roman Cepeda (REPUBLICAN)
5 ALDAN, Vincent Raymond Sman (INDEPENDENT)
6 GUERRERO, Joseph Leepan Tenorio (REPUBLICAN)
7 BABAUTA, Celina Roberto (DEMOCRAT)
8 DEMAPAN, Angel Aldan (REPUBLICAN)
9 PANGELINAN, Randall Dexter Masga (REPUBLICAN)
10 ADA, Roy Christopher Aldan (REPUBLICAN)
11 PITEG, Bernstio (DEMOCRAT)
12 PROPST, Edwin Kenneth (DEMOCRAT)
13 FLORES, Joseph Arriola (INDEPENDENT)
14 CASTRO, Luis John Delson Guerrero (INDEPENDENT)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Vote for no more than two (2)
1 AQUINO, Daniel Jr. Iwashita (REPUBLICAN)
2 SABLAN, Christina Marie Elise (DEMOCRAT)
3 SABLAN, John Paul Palacios (REPUBLICAN)
4 MARCIANO, Luella Ichihara (DEMOCRAT)
1 LIZAMA, Richard Tudela (DEMOCRAT)
2 BASA, Ramon Sablan (REPUBLICAN)
3 DELEON GUERRERO, Lorenzo Iglacias (REPUBLICAN)
4 MENDIOLA, Joseph Muna (INDEPENDENT)
5 STAFFLER, Leila Haveia Fleming Clark (DEMOCRAT)
1 BLANCO, Ivan Alafanso (REPUBLICAN)
2 ATTAO, Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio (REPUBLICAN)
3 SAURES, Alfredo Litulumar (DEMOCRAT)
4 YANGETMAI, Denita Kaipat (DEMOCRAT)
5 CAMACHO, Vicente Castro (DEMOCRAT)
6 ITIBUS, Jose Ilo (REPUBLICAN)
7 MAGOFNA, Corina Lorraine (DEMOCRAT)
8 YUMUL, Ralph Naraja (REPUBLICAN)
9 PETER, Marco Talsakan (REPUBLICAN)
10 VILLAGOMEZ, Edmund Joseph Sablan (INDEPENDENT)
1 SAN NICOLAS, Patrick Hofschneider (REPUBLICAN)
2 DELA CRUZ, Frederick Arend (DEMOCRAT)
1 KING-NABORS, Karl Rosario (REPUBLICAN)
2 CRUZ, Jose Pangelinan (DEMOCRAT)
1 MENDIOLA, Juanita Masga
2 MANGLONA, Joseph Manglona
3 ALDAN, Michael Napo King
4 SANTOS, Joseph Romaldo Evangelista
5 MENDIOLA, Thomasa Rita Palacios
1 MANGLONA, Donald Manalang (INDEPENDENT)
2 TOVES, Barrie Cuthbert (REPUBLICAN)
1 MENDIOLA, Dennis James Camacho (REPUBLICAN)
2 MANGLONA, Paul Atalig (INDEPENDENT)
1 SIKEBERT, Michael Cain
2 TAITANO, William Apatang
3 OGO, Abraham Manglona
4 LIZAMA, Jonovan Hocog
5 ATALIG, Jim Michael
6 MANGLONA, Lorita Mesngon
1 ATALIG, Herman Manglona
1 CASTRO, Jenita Babauta (DEMOCRAT)
2 CAMACHO, Joel Castro (REPUBLICAN)
3 TAITANO, Cecilia Remedio (REPUBLICAN)
4 BABAUTA, Sheila Therese Jack (DEMOCRAT)
JUDGE RETENTION
Shall Justice Perry Borja Inos of the CNMI Supreme Court be retained in office?
YES
NO
Shall Presiding Judge Robert Camacho Naraja of the CNMI Superior Court be retained in office?
Shall Associate Judge Kenneth Lewis Govendo of the CNMI Superior Court be retained in office?
SPECIMEN

Business

GARAPAN RESTAURANT CAFÉ & GRILL
Get your Halloween Sushi Platter

By BEA CABRERA
beacabrerasaipan@gmail.com
CORRESPONDENT

Garapan Restaurant Café & Grill located along Coral St. in Garapan gets into the Halloween mood this month as it transforms some of their dishes into Halloween treats. According to general manager & director Gracia Yoo, they think of their customers as family and celebrating Halloween is always a family event.

"We try to have specials during holidays and we have three Halloween-themed dishes that people will surely enjoy. Get the Halloween Sushi Platter that is good for five to six people is only $78. It is perfect for get-togethers and group gatherings," she said.

"The Halloween Sushi Rolls includes 'Sorcerer Roll' made up of tuna, tobiko, and jalapeno, for only $15,'Frankenstein Roll' made up of ebi tempura, spicy tuna, avocado, and ikura for only $20, 'Count Dracula Roll' made up of unagi tempura and salmon for only $20, 'Goblin Roll' made up of spicy tuna, avocado, and tobiko for only $15, and 'Siren Rool' made up of shrimp tempura, crab meat, tobiko avocado, and cucumber for only $20," she added.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Halloween Sushi Rolls and other Halloween specials are available at Garapan Restaurant Cafe & Grill until tomorrow, Oct. 31.

Yoo said that aside from the sushi rolls, they have other Halloween dishes that will surely satisfy. "First, the squid ink pasta with lots of seafood with taste that is so unique as it boasts of its gorgeous black ink from the squid but we made it creamy and has a rich briny flavor with a hint of sea saltiness. Second, the boo choo jeon or Korean chive pancake which is simply delicious and lastly, our Halloween Sushi Rolls and Halloween Sushi Platter," she said.

They are currently serving take-out only for the safety of both the customers and staff. "But we plan to open our dine-in services sometime next month… our loyal customers love our wide-ranging menu from Japanese, Korean (including Korean BBQ), to American cuisine and even with the Halloween specials our regular menu is available," Yoo added.

Garapan Restaurant is open from Monday to Sunday. Lunch is 11am-2pm and dinner is 5pm-8pm. For more information, call (670) 233-7000 or look them up on Facebook: Garapan Restaurant Café & Grill and Instagram: GarapanRestaurant670.

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

Friday, November 06, 2020 I 5:00 PM
Pacific Islands Club I Charleys Cabaret
Tel: 234-9661/2 • Fax: 234-9666
www.cnmizoning.com

AGENDA

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 10/16/2020 Zoning Board Special Meeting and 10/20/2020 Zoning Board Regular Meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not for items to be discussed in item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings

1. **Conditional Use Application #2020-3279** – Cannabis Marianas Corporation proposes to construct a 1-storey structure for its Cannabis Farm use. This use is classified as a "Cannabis Farm" and is permitted in the district as a conditional use. This site is located on Lot No. 113 E 02 in the village of Kagman. This area is zoned as Rural district.

2. **Conditional Use Application #2020-3131** – Marianas Hemp Farms dba Marianas Hemp Retail proposes to renovate and occupy a portion of a preexisting 1-storey structure for its Cannabis Retail use. This use is classified as a "Cannabis Retail" and is permitted in the district as a conditional use. This site is located on Lot No. 001 D 64 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Garapan Core district.

3. **Conditional Use Application #2020-3132** – Marianas Hemp Farms dba Marianas Hemp Lounge proposes to renovate and occupy a portion of a preexisting 1-storey structure for its Cannabis Lounge use. This use is classified as a "Cannabis Lounge" and is permitted in the district as a conditional use. This site is located on Lot No. 001 D 64 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Garapan Core district.

C. New Business
1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

D. Miscellaneous
1. Next Meeting
2. Other Matters

E. Adjournment

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

Zoom Video Communications
Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/6853007492?pwd=Q0daYlNPMDdXdFlQRTQ4UkhFRjViUT09
Meeting Code: 685 300 7492
Password: Nov06

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ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR PORT OF SAIPAN SEAPLANE RAMP MAINTENANCE DREDGING Project No. CPA-SS-001-21

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested consultants for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for design services for maintenance dredging of the north and south seaplane ramps and Echo Dock at the Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Project Number CPA-SS-001-21.

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available upon request to CPA's Executive Assistant/Project Manager, Ms. Wendi Prater, at wprater@cnmiports.com. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ are to be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater at wprater@cnmiports.com or via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal, or faxed to (670) 234-5962. Questions should be submitted by no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 26, 2020, Chamorro Standard Time.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: October 7, 2020

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-21-003

A&E DESIGN SERVICES FOR WEST SAN JOSE HOMESTEAD (TINIAN) WATERLINE PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for A&E Design Services for West San Jose Homestead (Tinian) Waterline Project.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Proposal & One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes marked *"CUC-RFP-21-003, A&E Design Services for West San Jose Homestead (Tinian) Waterline Project"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the RFP requirements in the course of proposer's preparation of the RFP under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the RFP under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 9, 2020** to **Manny B. Sablan**, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC Acting Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior, via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said RFP, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Nation

At least 1 dead as Hurricane Zeta hammers Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Hurricane Zeta slammed into the storm-weary Gulf Coast on Wednesday, pelting the New Orleans metro area with rain and howling winds that ripped apart buildings and knocked out power to thousands before rapidly making its way through Mississippi and Alabama with strong gusty winds, heavy rains and dangerous storm surge.

Zeta weakened to a Category 1 hurricane with winds of 80 mph (128 kph) as it moved into southern Mississippi few hours after landfall, but forecasters said it remained a life-threatening storm. The storm was about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northeast of Hattiesburg early Wednesday. A 91 mph (146 kph) wind gust blew through Mobile, Alabama, Tuesday and a NOAA gauge reported a 10-foot storm surge in Waveland, Mississippi.

Even as Zeta battered the south, the upcoming election was still on the mind of some residents.

"A lot of roads are blocked off right now cause the trees and other debris that have fallen. With the election I just kind of hope the city gets the roads clear by November 3rd so everybody can get out and vote," said Mackenzie Umanzo, 19. "Hopefully everybody can show up who wants to show up," the D'Iberville, Mississippi, resident said.

The storm killed at least one person, a 55-year-old man who a Louisiana coroner said was electrocuted by a downed power line in New Orleans, and officials said life-threatening conditions would last into Thursday in a region already pounded by multiple storms this year.

St. Bernard Parish President Guy McInnis said emergency workers were doing their best to respond to reports of people in distress after their roofs were blown off.

"Guys, we received the brunt of Zeta, and Zeta gave us a good punch," McInnis told WDSU-TV.

Roads were flooded near the coast, where forecasters said Zeta made landfall around Terrebone Bay near Cocodrie, an unincorporated fishing village at the end of a highway with few if any full-time residents and a marine laboratory where a building was inundated.

Streams of rainfall ran off roofs in New Orleans' famed French Quarter, signs outside bars and restaurants swayed back and forth in the wind and palm trees along Canal Street whipped furiously. Officials said a person was hospitalized with minor injuries after a structure collapsed, but further details weren't available.

With much of the city in the dark and more than 200 trees reported down, New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell implored residents to stay home and let city officials assess the damage instead of going out and doing it themselves.

"Although we have made it through, we have been damaged, we have been hit," she said.

More than 875,000 customers were without electricity in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, including about 350,000 in metro New Orleans. Outages were mounting quickly as the storm moved northeastward across the Deep South.

Zeta had top sustained winds of 110 mph (177 kph) as a Category 2 hurricane at landfall and is the 27th named storm of a historically busy Atlantic hurricane season — with over a month left to go. It set a new record as the 11th named storm to make landfall in the continental U.S. in a single season, well beyond the nine storms that hit in 1916.

Millions of mail ballots not yet returned in key states

ATLANTA (AP)—Just days before the presidential election, millions of mail ballots have yet to be returned in key battleground states, and election officials warn that time is running out for voters who want to avoid a polling place on Election Day.

At least 35 million mail ballots had been returned or accepted as of early Wednesday, according to data collected by The Associated Press. That surpasses the 33.3 million total mail ballots returned during the 2016 election, according to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Yet an estimated 1.9 million ballots were still outstanding in Florida, along with 962,000 in Nevada, 850,000 in Michigan and 1 million in Pennsylvania. In most states, the deadline for ballots to be received is Election Day.

"Don't wait until Election Day," Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf implored voters this week. "Hand-delivering your own ballot now will give you the peace of mind that your vote will be counted, and your voice will be heard in this historic election."

Combined with early, in-person voting, at least 71.5 million votes have already been cast, more than the total number of advance votes four years ago.

Many states made it easier to request a mail ballot this year amid the coronavirus pandemic and concerns about crowded polling places on Election Day.

One challenge has been ensuring that voters who are not used to voting absentee return their ballots in time to be counted. Compounding concerns are mail delivery delays that have persisted across the country. Delivery data from the U.S. Postal Service does not offer much assurance that these ballots will reach their destinations if they have not already been mailed.

Throughout the fall, as ballots moved through the postal system, the agency has consistently missed its goal to have more than 95% of first-class mail delivered within five days. In the week that ended Oct. 16, the most recently available weekly figures, the Postal Service reported a national on-time delivery rate of 85.5. Postal districts in many presidential battleground states failed to reach even that mark.

The district that covers the eastern part of Michigan, which includes Detroit and its suburbs, has had one of the country's worst delivery rates — just 71.5% of first-class mail was on-time in mid-October.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Cannabis Marianas Corporation

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A public hearing will be held on:

Date: November 6, 2020
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Pacific Islands Club - Charley's Cabaret, San Antonio, Saipan

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, November 5th, 2020. Please send written comments via e-mail to geri.delacruz@cnmizoning.com. via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

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/s/ Tatiana Babauta, Chairwoman

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/s/ Tatiana Babauta, Chairwoman

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
(This ad is paid for NMHC with HUD funds)

NMHC IFB 2021-002

BID SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: November 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Vehicle Lease

Project package will be available on October 30, 2020, at the NMHC website at www.nmhcgov.net by clicking on the "Procurement Tab".

The provisions of the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

For any inquiries regarding this bid shall be submitted to Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer via email at officemanager@nmhcgov.net or facsimile at (670)234-9021, on or before November 5th, 2020, no later than 10 a.m.

/s/
Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

/s/
Frank Lee S.N. Borja
Acting-Chairman, NMHC Board of Directors

World

UK under pressure as COVID-19 epidemic doubling every 9 days

LONDON (AP)—The British government is under pressure to develop a national strategy to combat a surge of COVID-19 cases and "rescue Christmas" as scientists warn that the number of people hospitalized with the disease in the U.K. could almost triple by the end of next month unless something more is done now.

Mark Walport, a former chief scientific officer, said Britain only needs to look across the English Channel to see what's coming. Britain's current measures are similar to those in France and Spain, where authorities are struggling to control the virus and daily cases have already far outstripped those in the U.K.

"With our current measures … there's little evidence that there is as much social distancing as there was when we clamped down on the first wave and so we know that the risk is significant that cases will continue to grow," Walport told the BBC.

It is "not unrealistic" that 25,000 people in the U.K. could be hospitalized by the end of November—up from about 9,000 now, he said.

According to results from a large, ongoing study into the COVID-19 epidemic in England, scientists estimated that there are about 96,000 new cases every day and that the outbreak is doubling in size every nine days.

"The rate of growth we're seeing is really quite rapid," said Steven Riley, a professor of infectious disease dynamics at Imperial College London, one of the leaders of the study funded by the Department of Health.

Riley and colleagues took samples from more than 85,000 people randomly selected across England in late October and found that about one in every 128 people in England is infected with the coronavirus.

They reported that rates were increasing among all age groups, including those most at risk: they noted a tripling of COVID-19 rates in people aged 55 to 64 and a doubling in those over 65.

"Our data shows there's no reason to expect that exponential rise to change for the next few weeks regardless of what we do," Riley warned. "New cases will turn into hospitalizations." He said it was unclear whether recently imposed restrictions in northern England would be enough to stop the spiraling spread of the virus.

Riley said that if politicians were considering more stringent measures, "the (study) results argue for something sooner rather than later," adding that "something needs to change before Christmas."

Dr. Paul Hunter of the University of East Anglia, who was not connected to the study, said it was "likely that infection rates now are very similar to and maybe even higher than at the peak in April."

The World Health Organization said for the second consecutive week, the European region accounted for the biggest proportion of new infections, with more than 1.3 million cases or about 46% of the worldwide total. The U.N. health agency also said deaths were also on the rise in Europe, with about a 35% spike since the previous week, and hospitalizations and ICU occupancy due to COVID-19 increased in 21 countries across Europe.

Japan PM says plan to release Fukushima water coming soon

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said Wednesday that his government is working on the final details of a plan to release massive amounts of radioactive water being stored at the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant, a decision that has been delayed by protests.

More than nine years after the disaster, the government still hasn't made clear what it will do with the water at the plant, though a release into the ocean has been largely speculated on in recent years.

"We cannot put off our decision forever without making a plan," Suga told a parliamentary session Wednesday, saying the plant is running out of storage space. "Based on discussions and expertise we've had, we will further deepen our discussion and responsibly make a decision at an appropriate time."

A government panel in February issued a report recommending releasing the water into the ocean as the most realistic plan. The government and the plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., or TEPCO, say all radioactive materials but tritium can be safely removed, and that tritium is largely harmless.

The plant now has more than 1.2 million tons of the water stored in 1,000 huge tanks that occupy a large amount of space at the plant. TEPCO says that it will run out of space in the summer of 2022 and that the tanks hamper the decommissioning process.

Suga did not give a timeline, though a decision is expected in weeks, if not months. An actual release would be about two years away because TEPCO still has to set up a facility for a release and have it authorized by the Nuclear Regulation Authority, officials said. A controlled release of the water will take decades.

The plant suffered a triple meltdown in the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami and is undergoing decades-long decommissioning. The contaminated water, a mixture of injected cooling water and groundwater that flows into the reactor area, has accumulated since the accident.

The government and TEPCO say water treatment systems can remove all but water-soluble tritium, though currently 70% of the water contains other radioactive materials exceeding allowable limits. TEPCO says it can meet the safety standard by running the water for a second round of treatment before releasing it.

Suga visited the Fukushima plant last month and said he hoped to make a decision as soon as possible.

Government officials said they need more time to discuss ways to mitigate reputational damage to the local industries and gain public understanding. Fishermen especially have opposed a release, saying their already badly hurt business would die. Their local and national representatives visited Tokyo last week to protest to environment and agriculture ministers.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-21

PROVIDE AND INSTALL BRAND NEW SEAWATER FIREFIGHTING PUMPMOTOR/CONTROLLER SYSTEM

AMENDED

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals (RFP), and other contract provisions, for proposals to provide and install a new seawater firefighting pump/motor assembly at the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and or products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225(a)).

All works shall take place at the Port of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposal package is available for pick-up beginning October 01, 2020, at the Executive Director's Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The proposer shall guarantee that all contents of their proposal be valid for a period of 60 days from the due date of proposals.

A Site Visit is encouraged in order for proposers to familiarize themselves of the type of equipment needed and to ensure that the project surrounding does not inconvenient the project requirement. Proposers are requested to contact Mr. Rodney James Taisacan at telephone numbers 664-3550 or 664-3552 during working hours from Tuesday to Friday (Monday is austerity day).

Questions and/or clarification regarding this RFP shall be directed to: Alex C. Tudela, Procurement Officer by written notice or email at atudela@cpa.gov.mp before 2:00 p.m. November 13, 2020. All responses shall be in the form of written addenda which will be a requirement in the RFP submission.

Proposers are to submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of their proposal to the Office of the Executive Director no later than 4:00 P.M. (CHST) November 27, 2020.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this RFP; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects of said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)
CNMI Government

INVITATION FOR BID

PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-001-21

SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2020: 2:00 P.M.

"PROVIDE AND INSTALL TWO BRAND NEW COMMERCIAL A/C UNITSAND TWO OUTDOOR CONDENSING UNITS AT THE TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TINIAN

THE BID PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING OCTOBER 20, 2020.

BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED "PROVIDE AND INSTALL TWO BRAND NEW COMMERCIAL A/C UNITS AND TWO OUTDOOR CONDENSING UNITS (IFB-001-21)" TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON OR BEFORE 2:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 13, 2020. BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATIONS ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS BID PRICE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION §40-50-1020 AND 1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CPA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CPA.

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO** DATE: _____
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DESIGN/BUILD FOR THE SEAPORT MARINA IMPROVEMENTS TINIAN HARBOR CPA PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-20

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for the design and construction of improvements to the seaport marina at the Tinian Harbor. The work shall include all design, materials, labor, equipment and construction services necessary to achieve a finished product, including but not limited to the items in the scope of work and those shown on the layout provided in the proposal package.

The Scope of Work (SOW) outlining the project's general requirements may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and costs must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, may be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on **Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10:00 am** at the CPA Tinian Seaport Office at the Tinian Harbor to discuss the project scope of work in detail. A site inspection will immediately follow the pre-proposal conference. Attendance at this conference is not mandatory.

Questions shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Wendi Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport, or via email to wprater@cnmiports.com or cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 27, 2020. All responses to questions or requests for information will be provided to all proposers who have picked up a proposal package.

Proposers are requested to submit one original and four (4) copies of the proposals, sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "*Design/Build for Seaport Marina Improvement, Tinian Harbor, Tinian, CPA-TS-001-20*". Proposals must be submitted no later than **5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO Date: October 23, 2020
Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: DPW21-ITB-003

SUBMISSION DATE: December 2, 2020 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Route 35 (Chalan Tun Herman Pan) Improvements Project No. TQ-THS-0035 (301), Saipan"

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after **October 30, 2020** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 17, 2020**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 24, 2020** to **Ms. Lorraine Seman, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ PETER P. CAMACHO
ACTING SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Life & Style

AP

This March 27, 2018, provided by the Department of Homeland Security, then-Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen and then-Department of Homeland Security chief of staff Miles Taylor, right, meet with Honduran President Juan Hernandez, not pictured, and security ministers from the Northern Triangle countries in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Former DHS official says he wrote 'Anonymous' Trump critique

By KEVIN FREKING and ZEKE MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—A former Trump administration official who penned a scathing anti-Trump op-ed and book under the pen name "Anonymous" revealed himself Wednesday as a former chief of staff at the Department of Homeland Security.

The official, Miles Taylor, came forward six days before Election Day to criticize President Donald Trump as "a man without character." He said he hoped other former administration officials will "find their conscience when they wake up tomorrow" and speak up, too.

Taylor has been an outspoken critic of Trump's in recent months and had repeatedly denied he was the author of the column and subsequent book—even to colleagues at CNN, where he has a contributor contract. He left the Trump administration in June 2019 and endorsed Democrat Joe Biden for president this summer.

Trump and White House officials moved quickly to describe Taylor as someone with little standing and clout.

"This guy is a low-level lowlife that I don't know. I have no idea who he is, other than I got to see him a little while ago on television," Trump told a campaign rally crowd in Arizona. As he belittled Taylor as a "sleazebag" and called for his prosecution, the crowd broke into cheers of "drain that swamp."

But as DHS chief of staff, Taylor was in many White House meetings with the president on his border policy and other major Homeland Security issues. During Taylor's time as chief of staff, Trump threatened to shut down the border and his administration developed the policy to force asylum seekers to wait across the U.S.-Mexico border.

White House chief of staff Mark Meadows called Taylor's revelation "a monumental embarrassment," tweeting, "I've seen more exciting reveals in Scooby-Doo episodes."

During a CNN appearance with Chris Cuomo Wednesday night, Taylor said he didn't unmask himself earlier because the story would have disappeared within 48 hours.

"No one would pay attention and they wouldn't care," he said. "Right now, Americans are reviewing the president's resume, his record and his character and it is mission critical that people like me, but others, come out now when the voters are listening and tell them who this man really is."

Taylor's anonymous essay was published in September 2018 by The New York Times, infuriating the president and setting off a frantic White House leak investigation to try to unmask the author.

In the essay, the person, who identified themselves only as a senior administration official, said they were part of a secret "resistance" force out to counter Trump's "misguided impulses" and undermine parts of his agenda.

The author wrote, "Many Trump appointees have vowed to do what we can to preserve our democratic institutions while thwarting Mr. Trump's more misguided impulses until he is out of office."

Meghan seeks to postpone trial in privacy suit against paper

LONDON (AP)—The Duchess of Sussex is seeking to delay the start of the trial in her privacy lawsuit against a British newspaper over its publication of excerpts from a letter she wrote to her father.

The former Meghan Markle made the request ahead of a preliminary hearing on the case scheduled for Thursday, court documents said. The move comes after a ruling to allow a book on the the decision by the duchess and her husband, Prince Harry, to step back from royal duties to be included in the case, opening up a new line of questioning.

The postponement application is the latest episode in the legal tussle that has served as a prelude to a 10-day trial scheduled to start in January. The request will be considered Thursday by High Court Judge Mark Warby during an online hearing that will begin in private.

Meghan's civil lawsuit accuses the Mail on Sunday and its publisher, Associated Newspapers, of copyright infringement, misuse of private information and violating the U.K.'s data protection law. The newspaper published excerpts of a letter Meghan wrote to her father after her and Harry's wedding in May 2018.

The newspaper argues there is "huge and legitimate public interest in the royal family and the activities, conduct and standards of behavior of its members" and maintains such interest extends "to their personal and family relationships because those are integral to the proper functioning of the monarchy."

Chris Paul leads march to voting site at N. Carolina college

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP)—NBA star Chris Paul led nearly 2,500 people on a march to an early-voting site at a historically Black college in North Carolina where he also takes classes.

Paul was part of the "March to the Polls Part 2" event held Tuesday at Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem Journal reported.

The basketball star told reporters during the event that it was necessary to encourage students to vote "given the magnitude of the election and everything that is going on right now." Paul had previously said that he would be encouraging HBCU students to head to the polls.

Some students, including Je'den Clark, the school's student government association president, said the point guard's attendance attracted large crowds. Campus police blocked traffic to allow for the march, which had hundreds of city residents and candidates running for office.

"College students think about making inroads," Clark said. "Voting is important. We are instructed since our freshman years to use our voices."

Paul, 35, played basketball at Wake Forest University before heading to the NBA. He now plays for the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Man is unsure of the future with his bi-curious fiance

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee and I are in our early 50s. We dated for two years and have been engaged for three months. She's a wonderful lady, and I can't imagine life without her.

I knew she was bi-curious a year ago when she told me one of her married female co-workers was flirting with her and she kind of enjoyed it. Since then, their relationship has grown, and they get together every couple of weeks for intimacy in our home. They have even asked me to join them, which I haven't done yet.

My fiancee insists she isn't a lesbian or bisexual and what she and her friend are doing is innocent fun, but I'm not so sure. So far, I haven't made an issue of it and go to bed at my usual time when her friend visits so they can have their fun. But have I opened Pandora's box by being so agreeable?

She promises no romantic feelings are involved, that her friend is no threat to our relationship and the two of them are just blowing off steam. Our love life is great, and she says nothing can replace us in the bedroom. Should I continue to look the other way? Or is this a fork in the road that could lead to a life of "anything goes"?

CONFOUNDED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CONFOUNDED: This is not happening because you "allowed" it. It is happening because this is what your fiancee feels she needs. Not knowing her, I can't predict where she is on a Kinsey scale -- a one being entirely heterosexual and a 10 being entirely homosexual. At this point, I don't think she can either.

Unless you are comfortable with the idea of living this way, I urge you to have a very long engagement because it is anybody's guess how this will turn out. The three of you are all consenting adults, so I won't judge. (I can't help but wonder if the spouse of your fiancee's lover knows about the steam they are blowing off.) I must, however, point out that if a traditional, monogamous marriage is what you want, your fiancee may not be the lady for you.

DEAR ABBY: I am 15, and in my job I work with some of my cousins and siblings. There are other people, too. I make friends easily because I can talk to everyone.

Everyone I work with says I'm flirting with two guys who are just my friends. I don't want people to think I'm flirting because I'm not. How can I convince people that we are just friends and nothing more?

FRIENDLY TEEN IN IDAHO

DEAR TEEN: The individuals who are accusing you of flirting may be teasing you to get a reaction. Or, they may be trying to point out something important that you should keep in mind when you are working. Working with someone is different from hanging out. The relationships are a little more formal (and serious) than in a social environment away from the job.

This will not be your only venture into the workforce, and when you are a little older, you will realize that rules discouraging personal relationships between co-workers, both written and unwritten, are put in place to protect you and the business. So rather than work on convincing "people" that you're not flirting, be your friendly self but in a more professional way.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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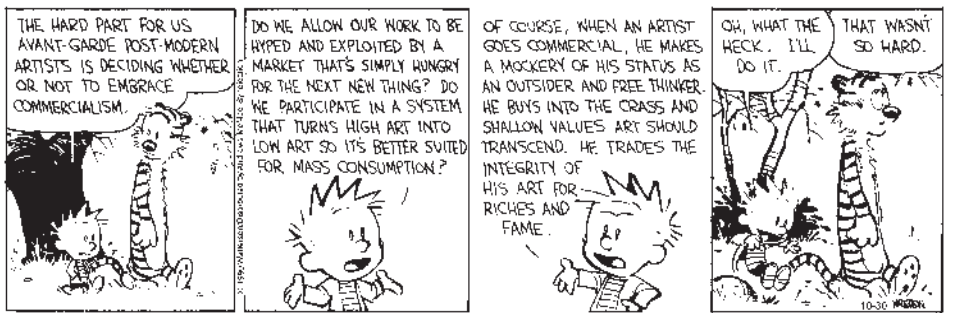
Pastimes

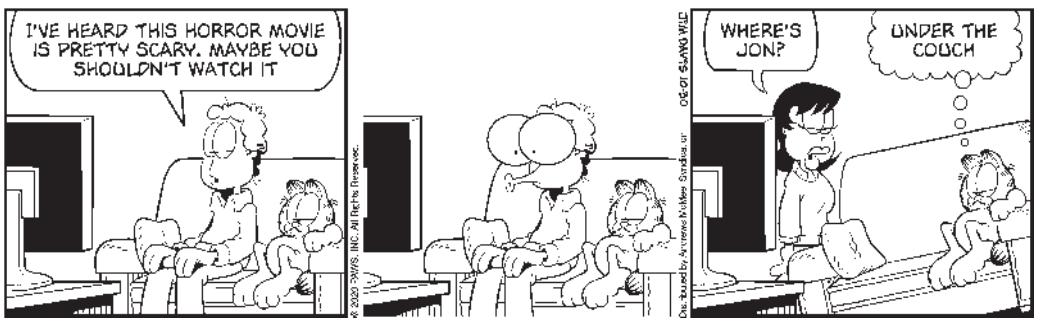
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


THE HARD PART FOR US AVANT-GARDE POST-MODERN ARTISTS IS DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO EMBRACE COMMERCIALISM.
DO WE ALLOW OUR WORK TO BE HYPED AND EXPLOITED BY A MARKET THAT'S SIMPLY HUNGRY FOR THE NEXT NEW THING? DO WE PARTICIPATE IN A SYSTEM THAT TURNS HIGH ART INTO LOW ART SO IT'S BETTER SUITED FOR MASS CONSUMPTION?
OF COURSE, WHEN AN ARTIST GOES COMMERCIAL, HE MAKES A MOCKERY OF HIS STATUS AS AN OUTSIDER AND FREE THINKER. HE BUYS INTO THE CRASS AND SHALLOW VALUES ART SHOULD TRANSCEND. HE TRADES THE INTEGRITY OF HIS ART FOR RICHES AND FAME.
OH, WHAT THE HECK. I'LL DO IT.
THAT WASN'T SO HARD.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Astern
4 Latin 101 word
8 Wagers
12 401(k) alternative
13 Maja painter
14 Twistable cookie
15 Sign painter, at times
17 Persia, today
18 Wood applications
19 Heavy weight
21 JFK's predecessor
22 Snorkeling site
26 Seoul setting
29 Drench
30 Chemical suffix
31 Currier's partner
32 Parcel of land
33 Mater lead-in
34 Pint-sized
35 "Gosh!"
36 Stopwatch button
37 Use a tab key
39 Some fridges
40 Wet dirt
41 Geological periods
45 Gambling mecca
48 One of eight
50 Coup d' —
51 "Huh?'
52 Acapulco gold
53 Appointment
54 — the Great (kid-lit detective)
55 Mountain pass

DOWN
1 Feels unwell
2 Worry
3 "Toodle-oo!"
4 Order of business
5 Code name?
6 Sailor's "yes"
7 Small pastry
8 Pogo stick sound
9 Goof up
10 Earl Grey, for one
11 Junior
16 Ocean motions
20 Granola morsel
23 Monet's supply
24 "My treat"
25 Spruced up
26 Fuzzy fruit
27 It takes the cake
28 Oboe insert
29 Misery
32 Disappoint
33 Fable writer
35 Bearded antelope
36 Esteem
38 Overact
39 Reach
42 Drain blockage
43 Olympian queen
44 Halt
45 Flushed
46 JFK info
47 Rebel Turner
49 When doubled, it's a dance

Solution time: 25 mins.

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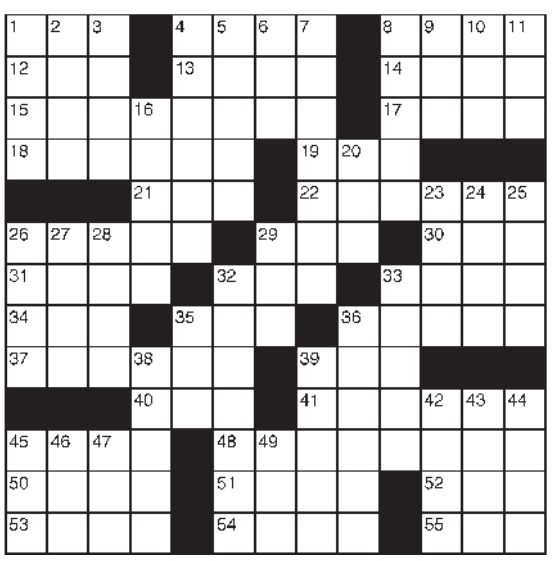
Yesterday's answer 10-30



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Nia Long, 50; Gavin Rossdale, 55; Harry Hamlin, 69; Henry Winkler, 75.

Happy Birthday: Consider every detail before you make a move. You may be eager to get on with your life, but obstacles will continue to stop you in your tracks until you take care of unfinished business. It may be a slow process, but once you let go of the past, it will be much easier to pursue your goals. Your numbers are 8, 19, 24, 27, 31, 38, 40.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* When in doubt, pause. An offer is only useful if it suits your needs. Refuse to get involved in something that will benefit someone else more than it will help you. Speak up, but don't let anger take over. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Expand your knowledge, interests and goals. A partnership will be questionable. Make sure you are on the same page before you agree to something long-term. Someone will offer an inflated point of view. Research the possibilities before getting involved. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* A personal pick-me-up will change your mood and enhance your attitude. Physical fitness, a new look or additional skills will boost your confidence and encourage you to head in a new and exciting direction. A romantic encounter is favored. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Do what's best for everyone. Refuse to get into a scuffle with someone negative or controlling. Keep the peace, but don't give in to pressure. Do your own thing if you don't like what someone asks you to do. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Control your emotions. Back away from unstable situations. Spend time working toward personal goals that will make you feel good about how you look and what you do. Create happiness, and peace of mind will follow. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A change of plans will work in your favor. Go with the flow and learn as you go. The information that comes your way will help you slide into situations with ease and put you in an excellent position to negotiate. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Put your time and energy into a relationship that matters to you and bringing about the changes that will lead to your happiness. Ease stress, and it will improve your health. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Scrutinize secondhand information. A premature move will lead to unexpected difficulties if you rely on others to do things for you. Take control of what's happening around you, and don't let your emotions step in where efficiency is required. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* An energetic approach to whatever you do will bring excellent results. Doing home improvements, having meaningful discussions, making plans with someone you love or interviewing for a position that speaks to your creative skills and imagination is favored. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't give up; push back. An emotional setback may be daunting, but it will help bring problems to the surface that need to be resolved before you move forward with your plans. A truthful conversation will reveal what's possible. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Consider what you do for a living and how you would like to spend your time. The gap may not be as big as you think. Check out courses that will help you transpose something you enjoy doing into a lucrative sideline. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Look for new ways to use your skills and expertise. An opportunity you least expect will come your way. You are overdue for a change that will help you let go of the past and fast-forward into something exciting. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are dynamic, emotional and zealous. You are inventive and secretive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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8				6				7
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/30

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Yesterday's Answer

8	9	3	7	1	2	5	6	4
1	5	2	6	9	4	7	8	3
7	4	6	5	8	3	1	2	9
4	1	7	3	2	5	6	9	8
2	3	9	1	6	8	4	5	7
6	8	5	4	7	9	3	1	2
3	7	8	2	5	6	9	4	1
5	2	4	9	3	1	8	7	6
9	6	1	8	4	7	2	3	5

Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

PODCASTS Solution: 8 letters

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Turner's selfish celebration mars Dodgers triumph

ARLINGTON (AP)—Well, at least the contact tracing should be easy.

The Dodger postseason roster would be a good place to start. So would the team picture on the field after winning the World Series.

You know, the one with Justin Turner sitting front and center among all his teammates, unmasked in his full red-bearded glory.

Turner's quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19 during the clinching win over Tampa Bay ended up lasting just two innings. The repercussions from his ill-advised decision to celebrate the World Series with his teammates figure to last a whole lot longer.

No, it's not Turner's fault he contracted the virus like millions of others. But it is his fault that his appearance on the field afterward overshadowed the feel-good story of the last three decades in Los Angeles.

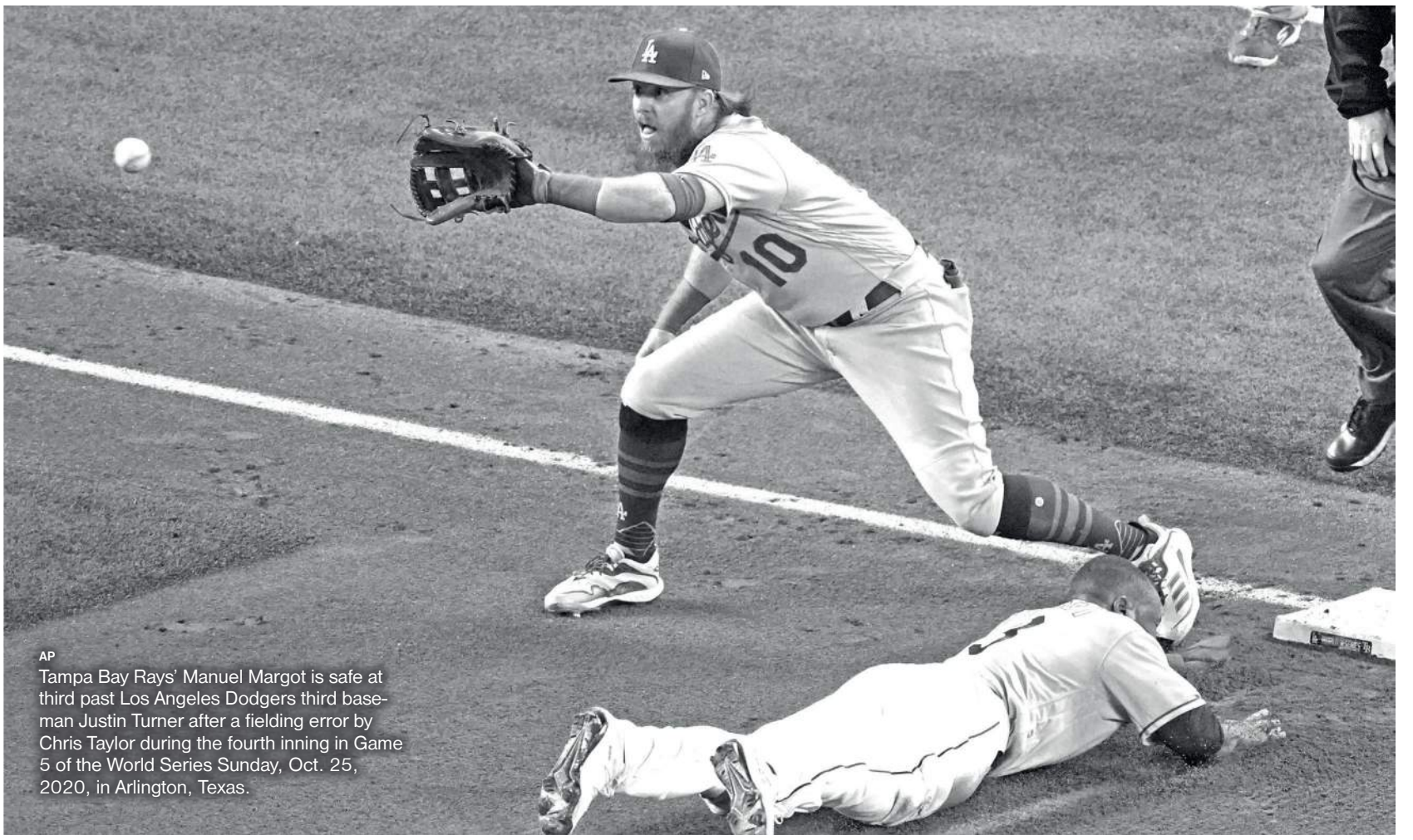
This should have been about a team that persevered through a season like no other to win for the first time since Ronald Reagan was president. The players on the Dodgers deserved that, manager Dave Roberts deserved that, and the long-suffering fans surely deserved that.

Instead, it became a cautionary tale about what not to do to others when you're infected with the coronavirus.

Turner paraded around on national television with the World Series trophy in his hand. The star third baseman hugged his teammates, and he kissed his wife.

Then, in an incredibly tone-deaf—and incredibly selfish—grand finale, he took off his mask and plopped himself in the middle of all his happy teammates for an official team victory photo.

Congratulations, Dodgers, you're the World Series champions. Now everyone please go into quarantine and don't forget to keep checking your temperature.



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Tampa Bay Rays' Manuel Margot is safe at third past Los Angeles Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner after a fielding error by Chris Taylor during the fourth inning in Game 5 of the World Series Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, in Arlington, Texas.

A privileged player thought it was his privilege to decide whether he could celebrate or not. By doing so, Turner not only put a lot of people at risk but suggested to everyone watching that the virus that has killed nearly a quarter million people around the nation isn't such a big deal after all.

It's not just that Turner went on the field. It's that he decided his right to celebrate outweighed the rights of everyone else on the field to remain safe.

``When MLB security raised the issue of being on the field with Turner he emphatically refused to comply," Major League Baseball said in a scathing statement Wednesday that called Turner's actions wrong and said he put everyone in danger.

What could Turner possibly be thinking? How could he possibly be so selfish that he would risk infecting an entire organization just so he could parade on the field afterward?

Luckily, we live in an age where we can turn to Twitter and find out.

"Thanks to everyone reaching out!" Turner tweeted after the game. "I feel great, no symptoms at all. Just experienced every emotion you can possibly imagine. Can't believe I couldn't be out there to celebrate with my guys! So proud of this team & unbelievably happy for the City of LA #WorldSeriesChamps."

The fact Turner felt great isn't, of course, the point. It's well-known by now that asymptomatic people can pass the virus on.

Yes, Turner was probably already a superspreader before he even took the field postgame. Just being in the dugout with teammates when the Dodgers came to bat for the first seven innings before he was pulled from the game gave the virus plenty of time to do its thing.

But why would he insist on taking it a step further? Why would he bring on the terrible optics on national television of being nonchalant about a virus that can kill even healthy ballplayers?

Why, indeed?

Instead of talking about Mookie Betts, Corey Seager, and the satisfaction of finally getting their first World Series title since 1988 fans were talking about the virus. Instead of simply packing up and heading home on Wednesday, the Dodgers and Rays had to figure out who was healthy, who was not, and whether it was safe to travel.

That includes Roberts, a cancer survivor who is sitting next to a maskless Turner in the team picture. Just as he was enjoying the weight of the world being lifted by finally winning the World Series in his third try, Roberts now has a bigger worry—that he could be infected, too.

Before Turner ignored MLB security to take the field his reputation was pristine. He's the heart and soul of the Dodger team, and it wasn't October until you saw Turner with his unkempt beard and flowing locks hacking away at home plate.

Off the field he's known for his charitable efforts and engagement with the community. Everyone loves Turner, from his teammates to Andrew Freidman, the Dodgers director of baseball operations who was seen talking to a maskless Turner afterward.

Friedman said he didn't think anything was going to stop Turner from taking the field. He noted Turner became a free agent when the last out was made, suggesting the Dodgers were powerless to control him, too.

"Now it's important we all test negative ... to make sure we don't go out and spread this to other people," Friedman said.

COVID-19 protocols violation

Turner violated coronavirus protocols when he celebrated with his Los Angeles Dodgers teammates and he refused instructions from security to leave the field, behavior that Major League Baseball said risked the safety of others.

The commissioner's office said Wednesday it is starting a full investigation of the 35-year-old third baseman.

"Immediately upon receiving notice from the laboratory of a positive test, protocols were triggered, leading to the removal of Justin Turner from last night's game," MLB said in a statement Wednesday. "Turner was placed into isolation for the safety of those around him. However, following the Dodgers' victory, it is clear that Turner chose to disregard the agreed-upon joint protocols and the instructions he was given regarding the safety and protection of others."

Rockets hiring Mavs assistant Silas to replace D'Antoni

TEXAS (AP)—The Houston Rockets and Stephen Silas have an agreement for the Dallas assistant to replace Mike D'Antoni as coach, multiple people with knowledge of the deal said Wednesday.

The hiring of the son of former NBA player and coach Paul Silas completes a significant change in the leadership of the team with the league's longest active playoff streak after Daryl Morey decided not to return as general manager following D'Antoni's departure.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no announcement has been made.

The new combination of coach and general manager comes after eight straight trips to the playoffs for the Rockets, all since acquiring James Harden in an offseason trade with Oklahoma City in 2012.

Morey was the architect of those rosters, and D'Antoni led the Rockets to a franchise-record 65 wins in 2017-18 before a Game 7 loss to Golden State in the Western Conference finals. The Warriors swept Cleveland to win the title.

Houston recorded 50-win seasons in each of D'Antoni's first three years and had a shot at another when the pandemic shut down the regular season last March.

The Rockets beat Oklahoma City in the first round of the playoff bubble in Florida this year before losing to the champion Los Angeles Lakers in five games, the third second-round exit in D'Antoni's four seasons. The former Phoenix coach decided not to return when his contract expired.

The 46-year-old Silas is the first significant hire for Rafael Stone, who was promoted to GM from vice president of basketball operations when Morey stepped down. Morey is close to becoming president of basketball operations for the Philadelphia 76ers, the AP has reported, citing people with direct knowledge of the talks who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Silas inherits a team led by a pair of former MVPs in Harden and Russell Westbrook. The longtime NBA assistant has worked with elite guards before, most recently in two seasons with the Mavericks and 21-year-old sensation Luka Doncic.

Morey, Cassell moving to Sixers

The Philadelphia 76ers are nearing an agreement with former Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey on a five-year contract to run their basketball operations department, according to multiple reports.

Elton Brand will reportedly remain Philadelphia's GM under Morey.

The Sixers are coming full circle since firing Morey's former assistant in Houston, Sam Hinkie, in 2016. Hinkie was the architect of "The Process" in Philadelphia, an unapologetic strategy of tanking the franchise to a handful of high lottery picks, two of which became current Sixers stars Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid. Hinkie came under considerable criticism, but Morey praised his protégé for exploiting the lottery system.

Meanwhile, Sam Cassell is joining Doc Rivers' staff in Philadelphia. Rivers has put together an impressive staff in Philadelphia, with former Memphis and Sacramento head coach Dave Joerger, plus former Pacers' assistant and defensive specialist Dan Burke.

Solomon Islands, China ink deal for Pacific Games venues

The Solomon Islands government and China have signed an implementation agreement that finally paves the way for the beginning of the construction of venues and facilities for the 2023 Pacific Games.

The venues include a new $53-million, 10,000-capacity National Stadium, with 1,000 VIP seats, and six other facilities. A six-court tennis facility is expected to be another landmark project.

It is claimed that preparations for the 2023 Pacific Games, along with other infrastructure projects, would inject nearly $8 billion in new investments into the Solomon Islands over the next four years.

Chairman of the Solomon Islands National Hosting Authority and secretary to Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare Jimmy Rodgers, and his Chinese counterpart, Gong Rui, the counsellor of economic and commercial affairs in the Chinese Embassy in Honiara, signed the agreement. Sogavare and China's Ambassador to the country, Li Ming, witnessed the signing ceremony.

A 17-member of the Chinese technical team that has been working on the project also attended the event. The team arrived last month after being delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before signing a deal with China, the Solomon Islands had originally reached an agreement in July 2019 with Taiwan to build the facilities, including the National Stadium. But at the end of last year, relations between the two countries broke down, with the Pacific nation pledging its diplomatic allegiance to China instead.

Sogavare claimed the project, which comprises seven separate infrastructure facilities, "is one of the largest infrastructure projects, funded and built by the People's Republic of China in any of PRC's partner Pacific Island countries".

"For this gift, I convey my sincere gratitude to the President, the government and the people of the People's Republic of China," he said.

Li hailed the Games project "is a symbol of friendship" between the Solomon Islands and China.

"The Stadium will have the most modern facilities ever seen in the Pacific," Li said. "It will be a national pride for Solomon Islands and China is proud to be part of it."

Construction is expected to officially begin in May next year and will be completed in 24 months.

Meanwhile, the Solomon Islands' neighbor Papua New Guinea has also committed about $12 million to infrastructure for the Pacific Games. The United Arab Emirates, on the other hand, are widely expected to fund the aquatic center, while Indonesian state-owned construction enterprise PT Wijaya Karya signed a contract to build a multi-purpose sports complex estimated to cost $7.5 million and will be used for futsal, basketball, and volleyball.

The Pacific Games, which Sogavare promised would be a "Pacific sports extravaganza", are scheduled to open in Honiara on July 14 in 2023. ***(Solomon Islands Inside The Games)***

Rams want to join Lakers, Dodgers on LA's title run

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—Jared Goff texted congratulations to Cody Bellinger and Joc Pederson right after the Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series on Tuesday night.

"Cody actually texted me back and said, 'It's your turn now,'" the Los Angeles Rams quarterback recalled Wednesday. "And I said, 'Absolutely.'"

Los Angeles has become a city of champions again in an incredible October, and the Rams (5-2) want to extend this winning feeling into February. They've been discussing it on group chats and in the locker room ever since the Lakers raised their trophy two weeks ago, and the anticipation only increased when the Dodgers claimed their own championship.

"It'd be good to make that a little three-peat with us involved there," Goff said. "It's definitely something that we're conscious of, absolutely."

The Rams were watching and cheering from home while the Lakers won the NBA Finals in Florida just 16 days before the Dodgers raised the World Series trophy in Texas, capping an unprecedentedly quick back-to-back coronation for their metropolitan area's two most beloved teams.

Although the Rams are the city's most popular franchise in the nation's most popular sport, they realize they aren't nestled in LA's heart as snugly as the Dodgers or the Lakers—particularly not after their former owners moved them to Anaheim and St. Louis for 36 years before Stan Kroenke brought them home in 2016.

AP

Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp, top, leaps over Chicago Bears inside linebacker Danny Trevathan (59) and inside linebacker Roquan Smith (58) during the second half of an NFL game Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, in Inglewood, Calif.

But the Rams fully intend to be a cornerstone of the sports establishment in the nation's second-largest metro area for decades to come. Kroenke's sparkling new $5 billion SoFi Stadium in Inglewood is a major step toward that goal—and bringing a third championship in four months to Los Angeles just might cinch it.

Can the Rams do it? They've had three straight winning seasons, and they made it to the Super Bowl two years ago. Although they play in the NFL's toughest division, they're off to another strong start this fall as they hit the midway point of the regular season Sunday at Miami (3-3).

"We've got all the pieces," Goff said. "We're winning games. We are playing well on offense, defense, special teams. We always believe in ourselves, and we've been there once with a lot of the same people. We know how to get there. We've just got to finish it off, and hopefully this is the year."

And now there's the City of Champions factor: If there is such a thing as civic momentum, the Rams are riding a big old wave of it alongside the Lakers and the Dodgers.

"You've got to be great to be relevant here in this city, and I think that's awesome," said coach Sean McVay, a boyhood Atlanta Braves fan who now roots for the Dodgers and manager Dave Roberts, whom he describes as a role model.

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Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne Teregeyo, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs outgoing secretary Robert Hunter, pledged his support to the construction of the raceway and has asked various government agencies and their officials to provide their assistance too to MRA. The Department of Public Works and the Saipan Mayor's Office helped MRA clear the Kan Pacific grounds—the group's temporary race site.

'Let's get this thing going as we want see our riders, especially our kids, back to the track where they can safely ride, develop their skills, and have fun," Torres said.

Sablan, in jest, said that it's not only the young riders who are looking forward to racing back at CowTown, but the veterans likes him too.

"Believe me, when you reach my age you still would want to be in that dirt," said the MRA president, who got into motocross on Saipan in the late '70s.

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though it's a long race, the family is enjoying the journey.

"So far, we've taken the kids on road runs, trail runs, and hikes. It's been a lot of fun and we accumulate four times the miles when we participate in each activity together," Brad said.

The Run The Marianas has a concept different from the usual virtual events that have mushroomed at this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Runners/walkers can log miles not just by running on the road, but everywhere, including on treadmill

"This challenge is a great way for Kathy and I to keep our children active and to show them the fun side of fitness. One of the great aspects of Run the Marianas is that we're able to track down each island as we rack up the mileage," Ruszala added.

As the Ruszalas are exploring the jungles of Saipan, Martin Jambor, his wife Sarka, and their son Quido, on the other hand, are gaining mileage for the Run the Marianas while feasting their eyes on the beauty of "Hundred-spired Prague" in the Czech Republic.

"Prague's streets are pretty much empty and more quiet compare to normal pre-pandemic days. I remember Prague always being full of tourists and a very crowded old town. In these days, you can explore the city and all small tiny streets with meeting almost no people. Our daily run in the city is more of a pleasure than challenge. I always wish I can bring all of my friends from Saipan and show them the beauty of Prague," said Martin, who acknowledged race director and SIS headmaster Ron Snyder for the unique way of holding the Run The Marianas.

"It is such a great idea, especially in these pandemic days all around the world. It is so important to have something to focus on, to look forward to—simply to see the light through the tunnel," said Martin, who named their squad TeamCzechMate.

Besides the Jambors and Ruszalas, the Run The Marianas also drew school and class teams, running buddies, and co-workers, as they spent extra time with each other to log mileage in a bid to move from one island to another.

As of last Wednesday, the SIS 10th Grader is leading the team race after reaching Alamagan (214-mile mark) and is followed by EA Academy, which had already made it to Pagan (175-mile point).

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Martin Jambor enjoys a light jog in Prague in the Czech Republic.

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Saipan International School students get ready to run at the Oleai Sports Complex track oval.

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MRA eyes better raceway

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The Marianas Racing Association is looking to build a better raceway at the Marianas Motocross Park after getting back the land that used to host its races.

MRA president Steve Sablan said there's a lot of work needed after they signed a memorandum of understanding with the CNMI government, the Department of Public Lands, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs last Tuesday for the designation of the former CowTown Raceway as the site for the Marianas Motocross Park and they would like to meet the end of the deal by building a better facility.

"There are certain stipulations in the agreement that we have to follow like 45 days from today (last Tuesday), we have to start doing the work on something and after 90 days, there has to be at least one project that must be completed," Sablan said.

"Judging from the temporary track that we were able to build and the help we got from our members, our community, and the government, I am positive that we will be able to deliver a better raceway that our riders and spectators will enjoy," Sablan said.

MRA will start the project at CowTown by surveying and clearing the area. They will also re-layout the old course and provide an appropriate one for young riders (both dirt bikes and ATVs).

"I believe we will have the resources and assistance we need to move forward and faster with the building of the Marianas Motocross Park," the MRA head added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who signed the MOU with Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios,

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Two riders are in a close race on their way to the second lap of the course at the Kan Pacific grounds during the Marianas Racing Association-organized event early this month.

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Marianas Racing Association president Steve Sablan acknowledges all the people and groups who helped them get a permanent race track.

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The Ruszala family poses for a photo during a break in its hike at El Toro.

Run The Marianas: A family affair

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After two weeks and more than 2,000 combined miles, the Run The Marianas is turning out to be a family affair than a race with fathers and mothers teaming up with their kids, teachers and students, co-workers, and friends moving forward to their 460-mile journey.

Brad Ruszala, his wife Kathy, and their kids, Keoni and Leilani, are among the family teams entered in the virtual run organized by Saipan International School and Northern Marianas Athletics. The Runnings Ruszalas have reached the first island stop of the race from Farallon De Pajaros to Rota after making it to Maug (42-mile mark) last Oct. 25.

Twelve islands are still ahead of the Runnings Ruszalas' way before the team makes it to Rota and

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